

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Duagh**

Ref: **148**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **201**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	201	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the submission and sketch map of village. The first observation of Duagh is one of fast through traffic, perhaps urged on by the long approach road from the Abbeyfeale side in particular. You have quite an area to cover and the approach roads in particular are of great importance. You still need a plan that would help you outline improvements in a phased way. You might consider this for next year. You have made progress since last year and your challenge now is to pursue your endeavours to a higher degree.

The Built Environment:

Larry's Foodstore is a blaze of signs and a bit too loud for such a rural village. However, the hardware yard is colourful and reflects a busy rural farming activity. The, what appears to be a former mushroom plant, is now an eyesore and very untidy - in particular the access road is in urgent need of attention. Well done on the appearance of the church and the school is also of a high standard. You have a problem with rusty corrugated sheds that need attention. The community hall is puzzling - it has lost its attractive traditional image. This building will now require sensitive treatment in landscaping, so we look forward to its completion next year.

Landscaping:

You have scored well in this category and the flower display at the approach from Abbeyfeale is attractive. There is a welcome display of individual effort throughout. The presence of tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets add great colour to the village. As usual, Tobar Mhuire is a treat, but the rubble and other waste material is being left outside the cemetery walls. You have a good deal of ribbon development on the approach from the village to Tobar Mhuire, with some pockets of untidiness.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As mentioned last year, we would urge you to identify the local wildlife species and list them. This might eventually lead to an illustrated display board which would help promote and popularise the wildlife of the area. You might consider contacting the Tidy Towns Committee in Labasheeda for advice on display boards.

Litter Control:

You have maintained your good standard of litter control and the village was free of litter on adjudication day. Your vigilance in this respect is commendable.

Tidiness:

Your problems here stem from a good deal of dereliction, untidy open spaces and poorly presented buildings. Many of these are beyond the scope of a Tidy Towns Committee, but nevertheless you must keep trying. Bear in mind the local authorities have powers to deal with dereliction.

Residential Areas:

It is good to witness house building in and around the village area. New and additional residents give an opportunity to recruit new members. The house beside the community hall is a gem and an example for others to emulate. In general, houses are well presented and many have well landscaped gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road structure is good and footpaths are well maintained. Many back and side entrances are below acceptable standard, but these may improve as the village infill develops. We would urge you to concentrate further on the two main approaches - consider two artistic Fáilte signs - these would present a favourable first-impression for visitors. Indeed, the good road structure may well be leading to speeding motorists which, on adjudication day was quite noticeable.

General Impression:

You have potential for much improvement and your challenge now is to retain and build on the traditional features of the village. New buildings in particular, should reflect the attractive rural location of Duagh.