

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Suncroft**

Ref: **24**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **198**

Category: **B**

Date: **12/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	32	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>197</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map of the village. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. The work completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Suncroft Tidy Towns Committee is strong in number and have been working in co-operation with local community and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Suncroft is a small chapel-type village laid out in a linear fashion, with an arrangement of 19th and 20th century houses and buildings.

### Landscaping:

The landscaping of the village street was good with planting, tubs and trees. The green was well presented. The street-scape of the village looks windswept and could benefit enormously from edge of road tree planting.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The surrounding landscape, and the stream in particular, offer the opportunity to develop an interesting nature project - perhaps as a school project.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter management seems not to have reached the standard of last year. Litter was noted in the main street, in the housing area, and on the approach roads. In addition, there was considerable littering in the cemetery.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was generally tidy, although the site opposite the grave yard seems to have been recently demolished. The grave yard is an important feature of the village. Unfortunately, this is in a poor condition, with damaged and broken monuments. Weed control could be improved around the village, particularly around the kerbing.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas around the village are well managed and maintained, with neat houses and gardens, and well cared for open spaces. Unfortunately, the approach to the houses is via the open backs of the houses. However, this is a feature of the design and, other than the planting of some screening, there is little the Tidy Towns Committee can do.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads to the village are generally lined with hard shoulders, grass verges, hedges, tidy signs, and some stone walling.

### **General Impression:**

Suncroft is essentially an attractive village, which should continue to improve from the efforts and on-going work of the Committee and the local community.