

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dungarvan**

Ref: **71**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **228**

Category: **E**

Date: **09/06/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 42 | 42 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 31 | 31 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 32 | 31 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | 25 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 16 | 16 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 25 | 24 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 228 | 225 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

The information that you supplied would indicate that you continue to have considerable assistance for your efforts from public organisations and indeed your residents and this is to be lauded. The number of sites where work is in progress shown on your map would indicate the ongoing nature of this work, much of which was viewed on adjudication day. Your comments regarding the 3/5 year plan have been noted and, in the circumstances, can be appreciated.

The Built Environment:

Your many fine public buildings were again very well presented this year and ongoing work on St. John's Castle was noted. Commercial premises are, in the main, being very well maintained. "The Lookout" area is now a major feature in the town which is being nicely augmented by Ring na Skilloge Walk. As requested the Sports Centre was visited and improvements there noted. The development of the Quay adds greatly to the picturesque harbour. It is a pity in a way that motorised traffic has to use it as it would make a wonderful pedestrianised area with perhaps, weather permitting, facilities for picnicking and for eating out continental style.

Landscaping:

The roundabouts in particular looked very well and are being well maintained. Work on a new

roundabout was noted. The Grotto on the Cork Road is particularly attractive and trees and shrubs planted on the bypass are now maturing very nicely. All-in-all the landscaping which has taken place and is taking place in Dungarvan is a major addition to this busy provincial town and creates a nice ambience.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading regarding the project at Fr. Twomey Road have been noted. Perhaps however you might consider other areas of Dungarvan for a similar type project when drawing up your plan. In the meantime you will continue to receive the same mark as last year.

Litter Control:

Excellent work is obviously being done in Dungarvan (street cleaning and sweeping taking place was noted on adjudication day) as the centre of the town and to a large extent the side roads were practically litter free. While there was some minor littering in some of the housing estates there has, nevertheless, been an improvement on last year. Well done to all concerned.

Tidiness:

Generally speaking Dungarvan looks very orderly and reflects great credit on its business people and residents alike. Try however if you can to discourage footpath displays such as free standing advertising hoardings which not only clutter up the footpaths but are also a danger particularly to elderly people who might be short sighted.

Residential Areas:

Housing estates in general, and many of them were visited, are being well maintained as are individual houses many of whom presented lovely gardens in full bloom. Continue to encourage your Residents Associations to take responsibility for the maintenance of open spaces and litter control. In a town the size of Dungarvan this type of voluntary contribution is absolutely necessary if progress in the competition is to be made. Local Authorities cannot take responsibility for everything.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are being well maintained and landscaping done in former years is maturing nicely. Road surfaces and paths are, generally speaking, in good condition and in this respect great credit is due to the Dungarvan Town Council.

General Impression:

Improvements made to the infrastructure of Dungarvan over the last ten years have been phenomenal. This reflects great credit on the Local Authority and other bodies and indeed the residents themselves. There is no reason why Dungarvan should not feature, in the not too distant future, in the National and Regional Awards but, as mentioned in last years report, this will call for careful planning and attention to detail. Having visited Dungarvan for the second year running the adjudicator feels that a lot of the work which is being carried out is under the aegis of the Local Authority or some other state body. While this is to be encouraged, success in the competition calls for a full public effort by local bodies, the business community and residents. Perhaps a way of motivating this would be to hold a public meeting to coincide with the drawing up of your 3/5 year plan to get the views of the general public and the business community on how the town can progress towards winning a Regional/National award. Dungarvan can do it.

