

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunhill**

Ref: **187**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **209**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>206</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that, for your efforts, you have the support of Fás, the Boy Scouts, ESB, County Council, Eircom and, most importantly your residents. Your short-term plan makes interesting reading and we wish you every success with it. Dunhill is a very nice compact village with great potential in this competition. You should therefore think somewhat longer term and, in this respect, it is suggested that in the Autumn, and armed with this report you should call a meeting of all involved and try to establish priorities for 2004 and 2005 at a minimum. In the event a copy of that plan should be sent with your entry form so that the adjudicator can have sight of it next year.

### The Built Environment:

Your major buildings – the Church, Bell Tower, School, Enterprise Centre and GAA grounds are being very well maintained as indeed is the graveyard and its surroundings. Business premises are nicely presented and the Grotto is a very nice feature. Your comments regarding ongoing building were noted. This will be disruptive for a while but will pass. In the meantime this disruption has been allowed for. Your stone walls, new and old, are indeed lovely and are a feature of the village. It is very interesting to see the old stone walls being exposed. In some instances they are need repair and hopefully this will happen. They are a lovely feature.

## **Landscaping:**

Landscaping throughout the village is very nice indeed and your open spaces are being particularly well maintained and were in pristine condition on adjudication day. Well done to all concerned. You might consider drawing up a landscaping plan as part of your overall development plan. In doing so consult with your Local Authority who has expertise in these matters. Trees and shrubs planted in the past are now maturing nicely and create a lovely ambience in the village.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your comments under this heading have been noted and the wetland sites were visited. Continue to develop this project and, in the event, perhaps you should consult with the Heritage Council. Such a development could prove to be a positive tourist attraction for the village.

## **Litter Control:**

Dunhill was practically litter free on adjudication day. Great credit is due to all concerned. This is an aspect of the competition which needs constant monitoring throughout the season so do keep up the good work.

## **Tidiness:**

Allowing for the building which is taking place the village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and, in this respect, the village is improving each year. This reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in their living environment. Long may it continue.

## **Residential Areas:**

Comments made under this heading in last years report may still be applicable. Individual houses looked very well. Some had nice gardens in full bloom which were a joy to see. This type of individual effort is essential in a small village if it is to succeed in the competition. There seems to be no shortage of this type of support in Dunhill.

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

Approach roads looked well and showed evidence of cutting in some places. Adjudication normally takes place between the road signs or the village signs whichever you opt for. Edges should be strimmed from there on in bearing in mind the recommendations made in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wild flowers. The condition of approach roads is important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces and footpaths looked well and car parks are being well looked after also.

## **General Impression:**

As already mentioned Dunhill has the potential to do well in the competition but needs planning and attention to detail if further additional marks in the future are to be achieved. At this stage perhaps it would be beneficial for your Committee to visit other centres such as Lismore or nearby Stradbally to see what can be achieved and to learn from it bearing in mind that their success did not come overnight. In the meantime keep up the good work.