

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunkineely**

Ref: **328**

County: **Donegal**

Mark: **204**

Category: **B**

Date: **30/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	194

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submitting your Tidy Towns 2004 application. Your three to five year development plan has set out a realistic number of goals and objectives, which the Committee wishes to achieve. It is felt that steady progress is being made as a result of good co-operation between local authorities, local businesses and the local community. A Committee number of twelve is large for such a small village and reflects positive community involvement which is to be commended.

The Built Environment:

Significant improvements have been made since last years adjudication. The repainting of the Garda station has immensely improved its appearance. The development of new houses on entrance to the village look promising and will create an important focal point on entering the village. The Methodist Church in the centre of the town looks a little drab and requires painting. Some potted plants and hanging baskets would look well here as there is no option to plant due to the paved grounds surrounding the building. Baskins Cafe and Mac's Bar are neatly presented.

Landscaping:

Entering the town from the Killybegs road, an impressive area of landscaping welcomes the visitor at the 30 mile per hour speed limit with a delightful display of shrubberies set in stone.

One particular garden on the Main Street opposite the Spar, has some very interesting features and creates a good visual impact. Although the National School does look well there is further scope for planting along the sparse green area behind the school wall. The decorative display of flower boxes suspended from the stone walls on the Shore Road look exceptionally well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Good progress has been made in developing this area for this years adjudication, which is highly commended. The new signboard, at the bottom of the Shore Road looks extremely well displaying the different species of birds. Involving children in any wildlife surveys being carried out is a terrific idea and helps children develop appreciation of their environs at an early stage. Improvements to Visitor Information Display Boards detailing the heritage trail will prove extremely useful to the Tourist.

Litter Control:

There was very little evidence of litter on the day of adjudication apart from some pieces along the seafront area due to an overflowing litter bin. The erection of 'Keep Dunkineely Tidy' signsboards are also a super idea. Organizing poster competitions to promote anti-litter awareness for school children is highly commended.

Tidiness:

Dunkineely is undergoing some developments at the moment which does tend to create an untidy affect around these particular areas. The Committee need to be vigilant in ensuring builders remove any extreeneous materials before they vacate these sites. Attractive seating placed along the Shore Road greatly enhances the area and give a very tidy appearance. Good use of decorative street furniture throughout the village was noted.

Residential Areas:

Many of the individual houses along the Shore Road have a very high standard of landscaping and general presentation. The new entrance sign at Caslte View Estate looks very well although the green areas within this estate are badly in need of some landscaping. In general there is a mixed level of presentation within this estate, with attention to paint needed in places. There is still a rather large accumulation of materials at the end house, which must be removed. The garden opposite the entrance to this estate is maintained to a very high standard and must be highly commended.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are generally in good repair with attention to resurfacing in some areas still required. The potted stone faced planters situated at the entrance signs for Dunkineely look particularly well, as do the containerised plants placed along the 30 mile and hour speed limit on the Donegal approach Road. The stone facing partially completed on entrance to the town looks well and will be very impressive on completion. The rebuilding of the traditional stone wall along the Ardara Road looks very attractive.

General Impression:

Dunkineely is a very attractive village, which is helped by good organisation by the Tidy Towns Committee. The progress of this village is reflected in the marks that have been rewarded. The Committee should take on board the recommendations and marks of this report and previous reports to help further progress the goals and objectives contained within their development plan.

