

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunderry**

Ref: **445**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	203

Overall Developmental Approach:

Dunderry Tidy Town's Committee has obviously fostered a good working relationship with the various relevant officers of Meath County Council including Heritage, Environmental as well as the County Manager. You also have encouraged the involvement of many of the local residents, in particular, residents to the town from the new housing estates in the vicinity. This is to be highly commended. You mention in your submission financial constraints in relation to your work. Now would seem to be the time for fundraising in order to continue with your good work. Perhaps local businesses could be approached to see if sponsorship is possible; otherwise fundraising events such as dances and church gate collections, cake sales etc. could be organised. These are found by other Tidy Towns Committees around the country to be helpful in this regard.

The Built Environment:

Horan's would benefit from some landscaping to their car park area, in order to improve its harsh effect. The pub itself should be painted up before next year's competition. The church looked quite charming, as did the adjacent national school, which was extremely fresh, with its magnificent grounds. The hall opposite looked fine but the GAA ground's boundary wall will need painting before next year's competition. The trees behind this wall are coming along nicely. Your work in relation to stone walling around the village is to be highly commended.

Landscaping:

The graveyard boundary wall should be painted up before next year's competition. Incidental landscaped spaces throughout the village seem to be a feature of Dunderry's character. That with pansies in its central location was admired, as was another to the front of a house on the Trim Road junction where the property's resident obviously extended their area of interest beyond their boundary wall to form a rockery.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to planting 10 new trees in the school grounds is to be commended. You are evidently encouraging the local children to be as environmentally aware as possible. Your good relationship with the local environmental officers is to be commended. A marvelous initiative is taking place regarding composting etc.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good. However, even one or two items in an area of Dunderry's size are all the more evident. A bottle and some papers were evident to the bench and surrounding area adjacent to the church.

Tidiness:

The recycling area by the hall was well maintained. However, only half of the planters outside the school appeared to be flowering at the time of adjudication and an orange traffic cone marred the generally clean river beneath the bridge.

Residential Areas:

Houses within the town and along approach roads were generally well cared for on the day. The Islean Housing Estate on the road to Dunderry Lodge was admired with its render and stone walls. Wild daisies and roses to boundaries along this road were greatly admired. A grubby boundary wall on the Athboy Road created a bad impression.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. On the Athboy Road the village nameplate should be repainted before next year's competition and the verges appeared quite rough. The Trim Road was also overgrown - so much so, that the junction sign was unreadable. Verges between the welcome sign and the village nameplate sign were quite rough. This road affords the visitor a magnificent view to the church beyond. The verges on the road to Dunderry Lodge appeared to be being maintained by residents along that road. However, the welcome sign was virtually obscured by overgrowth.

General Impression:

From your submission it appears that Dunderry Tidy Towns Committee is a very enthusiastic one with the interests of the village distinctly at heart. Well done to all concerned and good luck with your future endeavours. For next year's competition you should concentrate on approach roads in particular. Do take on board the comments contained within this report in order to improve the village for next year's competition.