

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dualla**

Ref: **229**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **209**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	205

Overall Developmental Approach:

A delightful, neat and well presented village, close to Cashel, Dualla has carved out for itself a distinctive and pleasant ambience. With limited attributes it has accentuated well its positive attributes and dealt decisively and appropriately with the few minor items which needed attention. We note the work done at the pump which is an interesting element of the folk history. We also applaud the Thrashing Festival in September which is a timely reminder of the areas recent past.

The Built Environment:

The Church is comfortably the centerpiece of the village and it is itself a fine building which is being well presented. The Marion Year Grotto, 1988, continues to be well presented. The profusion and treatment of your fine stone walls is applauded. The School and area was neat, orderly and suitably presented.

Landscaping:

The tennis courts looked inviting and well maintained. The fine wrought iron entrance to the Cemetery was particularly striking. Your decision to purchase a community field is to be applauded and will, no doubt, take considerable resources of both time and energy over the next number of years. The manner in which you have maintained your village is itself praiseworthy and this

additional undertaking will help solidify the community spirit which is so obvious in Dualla.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The encouragement of an interest in and creation of facilities for wildlife and bird life particularly is a strong element of the Tidy Towns ethos. We welcome the intention to establish a wildlife habitat within the National School grounds and wish this beneficial project success. Please discuss treatment and development with a local bird and wildlife enthusiast or call on the services of the Wildlife Officer attached to the Office of Public Works. Perhaps the new community field could incorporate such a development as well.

Litter Control:

The very high mark scored here is a ringing endorsement of your success. One or two litter bins, provided arrangements can be made for their servicing, might with advantage be installed in the School area or around the tennis courts.

Tidiness:

Neatness and order are bywords in Dualla. The well trimmed hedge at Tir na nOg, the recently installed recycling unit all attest to the community wide involvement in projecting their village appropriately. As an exercise you might do an audit of all the signs in the village. Are they all still appropriate and necessary? The very high maintenance levels achieved by your committee and the community are applauded.

Residential Areas:

The new housing development in Dualla features a very fine stone wall entrance. The additional members of your community bode well for the future progress of Dualla with additional resources, energy and involvement available to the community in general and the committee in particular. Individual houses are to be applauded particularly on their extensive gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach road from Cashel is a joy with the village nameplate being very well presented and verges suitably cut from that point inwards. The Slow Through Village sign however is materially below the general high standard and needs attention. There are seven signs on view at the Moyglass junction, a number which might be considered self-defeating. The Killenaule Road approach is very well presented with a pleasant introduction to this neat and orderly village.

General Impression:

With limited options Dualla has acquitted itself extremely well in the competition. It has undertaken realistic and attainable objectives and brought them to successful fruition. Clearly your village is going through a period of great change. The appropriate management of which will be a challenge but also represents a significant opportunity for progress and development.

All involved in this years entry are applauded for their success.