

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunhill**

Ref: **688**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **219**

Category: **A**

Date: **29/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	33	29
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	219	209

Overall Developmental Approach:

The continued support for your efforts by your County Council and your Community was evident in Dunhill on adjudication day. A nice atmosphere prevails throughout the village which is due, in no small way, to the efforts of your committee and your Community in the preservation of their environment. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful. Do try, however, to identify further areas throughout Dunhill which would benefit from projects under the various headings of the competition which you might carry out on an annual basis and which, in the process, will gain you additional marks. Comments in this respect were made by the Adjudicator last year but it would appear that a further plan, beyond 2004 has not materialized.

The Built Environment:

Again this year the Church, Bell Tower, School, Enterprise Centre, GAA grounds and the Telephone Exchange were nicely presented and, in this connection, great credit is due to all who are involved with these properties. The Grotto and its surroundings looked lovely and business premises in the village are being well maintained. However, a number of old buildings in the centre of the village and their walls could do with a coat of whitewash. Stone walls are being very well presented and are a lovely feature. The thatched cottages in the village are indeed lovely and are being extremely well looked after.

Landscaping:

The area around the centre of the village, at the School and in the vicinity of the Grotto looks very nice indeed with new tree planting noticed. The newly cut hedge bordering the Cemetery looked very nice and the lovely floral arrangements at the Grotto itself were much admired. While the planting of flowers is not discouraged do, nevertheless, try to plant more trees and shrubs throughout the village which will give you some colour on an all-year round basis and also bear in mind that, in this respect, you are planting for the future for which posterity will thank you.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted. Do, however, try to develop a specific wildlife project, perhaps in conjunction with your Schools, e.g. nesting boxes, feeding tables etc. With its wetland sites and open spaces, Dunhill is ideally suited for such a project which would also gain you additional marks in the competition. Perhaps there is someone locally who is knowledgeable on this subject or you could consult with the Heritage Council.

Litter Control:

Dunhill was completely litter free on adjudication day. This is a wonderful achievement and congratulations are due to all involved.

Tidiness:

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner with, as already stated, a lovely atmosphere prevailing throughout. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

The new housing estate at Cois Cille was visited. It is a lovely development with some fine open spaces which are being well maintained. The planting of trees here was also noticed and is to be commended. The entry to the estate is still somewhat rough, but is assumed that this will improve in time. Older estates also looked well and are being well looked after as indeed are individual houses throughout the village. Some lovely gardens were in full bloom on adjudication day which added greatly to the overall ambience of the village. This type of collective and individual effort is very important in the competition. You cannot succeed without it and great credit is due to your residents in this respect.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked very well with evidence of strimming. The village nameplate signs are being well looked after. Road surfaces are good. Footpaths and car parks are being well maintained also.

General Impression:

Dunhill is making steady progress in the competition. Further success can be achieved through planning and attention to detail. Try to develop a 3/5 year plan setting out under the various headings of the competition projects which you can carry out from year to year within your physical and financial resources. As well as improving the village, such efforts will also gain you additional marks in the competition. Do also, however, carefully maintain what you have already achieved which is the backbone of your entry. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Dunhill again next year to see further progress.

