

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunkineely**

Ref: **292**

County: **Donegal**

Mark: **206**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	7	8
TOTAL MARK	300	206	204

Overall Developmental Approach:

Dunkineely presents very well. it is clearly a huge challenge being on such a busy route and the main street stands up very well to this. The long established buildings and the over all streetscape and roof-lines are very charming. Like all smaller villages the secret is to ensure that a similar effort/effect is made on the side streets, the estates and the other interests. As will be seen from the following only some of this is happening for you.

The Built Environment:

As noted the old established shops etc. together with the public buildings are well cared for and support the 10 strong Tidy Town Committees efforts well. Take care that as main street buildings are redeveloped they retain their village charm, bulk and signage.

The Fair Green buildings are problematic and the other 'factory' type premises (KF, Mazda etc) really need to ensure their buildings are made as attractive as possible.

Both flowershops, ironically, needed painting and sprucing up!

Landscaping:

Very suitable planting was noted in tubs on the Donegal side, on the bridge on the Shore Road (

together with inviting well-maintained seating and in Castleview. the latter estate was very well presented...good to see the newly planted well protected trees at the end...this are has great potential for the future.

Private houses presented well, notably the vast tidy lawn opp Castle View and the lovely walls at Eagle View. Arum and African lilys made lovely displays in a number of gardens showing how amenable Dunkineely is to them and suggesting you should have more1

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Shore Road together with the beach is where you could get more marks in this section. The work at the bottom appeared abandoned on the day of adjudication..we will hope to see it finished in 2006.

Litter Control:

Litter was very well controlled on the day and was not a problem in your community...Well done!

Tidiness:

The Bottle Banks were very tidy as were the three housing estate areas. Side entrances on the main street all presented well and happily illustrated their different uses in a neat and orderly way.

The Fair Green buildings and the factories require imaginative and bright solutions to compensate for their industrial quality and bulk.

Residential Areas:

All three housing estate areas were very neat and well presented. Castle View had a lovely diversity of colour , not just in planting but in house and door colour also.

St. Mary's CIs eis very neat and looks safe and comfortable for those who live there.

The new housing corner, while still unoccupied , was freshly trimmed etc. and looked very well. It will be a challenge for your committee to welcome the new occupants to the community and to ensure their involvement in your work.

Private houses on a number of the side streets etc. need to complete walls, do some landscaping etc. to fully help your efforts. Good to read that you send the report to all homes...

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

As noted the Main street copes very well with the volume passing through it. The side streets have a charm that must be protected with a suitable scale of development. As noted some here need to complete construction etc . to boost you chances.

The cottages on main street were very well presented and are very charming, being village in scale and retaining their vernacular features very well.

General Impression:

Dunkineely publically is doing well...the next boost will come from tackling the back areas and the uncommitted. Keep up the good work!

