

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunhill**

Ref: **757**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **225**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>219</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your Tidy Town Plan 2004/2005 makes very interesting reading and as mentioned in last years report, further consistent progress can be made in the competition by identifying on a year to year basis what you can do within your physical and financial resources. It is important also of course to maintain what you have already achieved and this you are doing very successfully. In this respect it is gratifying to read that you have the support of your Local Authority and your residents for your efforts which is very much reflected in the overall appearance of Dunhill.

### The Built Environment:

Your comments regarding Dunhill Castle are very interesting and the adjudicator looks forward to hearing of and seeing further progress with this project in the future. In the meantime the major buildings in the village are all very well presented again this year – Church, Bell Tower, GAA Grounds, School, Enterprise Centre and Telephone Exchange. The Grotto continues to be a lovely feature and was much admired. Business premises again looked well and deserved great credit on their owners. The Thatch cottages are indeed a lovely feature.

## **Landscaping:**

Your comments regarding tree planting are noted and hopefully Dunhill will benefit from this come September. In the meantime planting which has taken place in the past is now looking very well and is maturing nicely. The flower display at the Grotto was much admired.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your comments under this heading would indicate that Dunhill is well endowed with a variety of wildlife. However you should try to undertake some specific projects which would focus some attention on this and pointers in this direction were given in last years report.

## **Litter Control:**

The village centre was completely litter free on adjudication day. There was however some minor evidence of littering in the Bally na Geeragh Close Estate. This is an important part of the competition and needs to be monitored regularly.

## **Tidiness:**

As one now has come to expect in Dunhill the village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interests which your residents have in the preservation of their environment.

## **Residential Areas:**

The new housing estate at Cois Cille is maturing nicely and open spaces are being very well maintained. Your comments regarding the efforts being made by the residents of Bally na Geeragh Close have been noted and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of this next year. Individual houses throughout the village again looked resplendent with their lovely gardens in full bloom which added tremendously to the overall appearance of Dunhill. Well done to all concerned.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Road surfaces are good and footpaths and car parks continue to be well maintained. Approach roads are nicely presented but, in some cases, need strimming. Adjudication normally takes place from either the speed limit signs or the village nameplate signs, whichever you opt for, and approach roads should be strimmed from there on in on a regular basis. This is an important part of the competition as the appearance of the approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village.

## **General Impression:**

The village is being extremely well maintained. On adjudication day there was evidence of work taking place at many centers. Bear in mind the comments made under this heading last year. You are making very good progress in competition. Keep up the good work.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

Dunhill is making effective use of stonework. The Enterprise building and the stone wall frontage to Cois Cille links with the stone walls in the vicinity and the sense of heritage gained by the Church, the beautiful grave yard and old bell tower. The retention of thatched roofing also contributes much. Most individual property is clearly well cared for. The bottle banks area was tidy. A few yards and outbuildings were not so good but the overall impression is of a village with a promising future.