

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dungarvan** Ref: **391**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **209**
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	2
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	209

Overall Development Approach:

Dungarvan is located on a very busy thoroughfare (the N9), and has to deal with heavy traffic on a daily basis; the adjudicator's understand this difficulty and the restrictions that this places on the committee and the community at large. There is some nice views into the village on approaching from the various roads for example; the bell tower of the church can be seen approaching from the south and the view from old graveyard and the church from the Gaignananagh road is pleasing and interesting also. It is good to know from your submission that you communicate Tidy Towns news and initiatives to residence by use of newsletter; we wish you well with the restoration of the old church and the graveyard and suggest you provide some interpretative facilities here also. Dungarvan is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition.

The Built Environment:

Work in progress is noted on the church in the village centre and we look forward to the completion of this. Perhaps some identification for the old stone building adjacent to the church would be appropriate; it looks like it may have been an ecclesiastical building. The Walsh premises is nicely presented and its sash windows were admired; Ouncel House was nicely presented also.

Landscaping:

Well done on your amenity area on the Gowran road, this is beautifully presented with the line of trees to the rear of the picnic site and the neat fencing to the roadside and is an excellent introduction to Dungarvan. Planting at the new namestone was admired also. The grotto is a most attractive feature of the village centre and its landscaping and overall maintenance were of the highest order well done; the pump was admired also. The new trees planned for the Scart road should be native deciduous trees to provide important wildlife habitats.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The outburst of pink dogrose on the Graignamanagh road is a very pleasant experience as one turns the bend in the road on leaving the village. We note your positioning of bird boxes in the church grounds; perhaps you could take this a stage further by identifying the birds that use the box and perhaps erecting a flora and fauna of Dungarvan panel in the church grounds also, perhaps too the youngsters of the village could also be involved.

Litter Control:

For such a busy village with so much through traffic Dungarvan was litter free on the day of adjudication; well done. We note from your submission that all residents participate in an annual clean up of the village and that monitoring is ongoing on a daily basis. We wish you well on the acquisition of additional litterbins where you feel that these are needed. Do send in additional information on your litter control activities as these can be a source extra marks for you.

Waste Minimisation:

To compete successfully under this heading it will be necessary to liaise with the businesses community as well as residents regarding the strategy for minimising waste; perhaps a promotion of household composting might be a good first step. The Race Against Waste booklet included in this year's TidyTowns pack contains a number of good ideas on this.

Tidiness:

Good luck with the redevelopment of derelict buildings reported by you to the county council; hopefully they will enhance the built environment of Dungarvan, not to mention the social network. Well done on the refurbishment of footpaths and road surfaces.

Residential Areas:

The single storey dwellings in the centre of the village were admired for their architecture and for their presentation and the Nore Valley House stood in dramatic contrast however this handsome two storey house was admired also, stone boundary walls to these dwellings through the village centre are an attractive feature of Dungarvan, detached dwellings in their own grounds are nicely presented also.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Grass verges along approach roads are being beautifully maintained, they had been neatly trimmed and were free of excess growth, litter, etc. this is a fine accomplishment for one FAS worker and residents particularly on busy roads. Your new name stones are quite stunning visually, and are being nicely presented also no doubt the one on the southern entrance to the village will be landscaped by next year. The road surface on the southern entrance to the village was really good it looked as if it were new; we wish you well in acquiring a new footpath on the other roads mentioned in your submission especially the Thomastown road. A fine performance under this heading, well done.

General Impression:

The adjudicator appreciates the difficulty of maintaining a small village located on a national primary route to such a high standard and feels that the Dungarvan community has done a fine job in this respect.