

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunbeacon** Ref: **671**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **200**
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	23
Landscaping	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	33
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	200

Overall Development Approach:

Dunbeacon Action Group is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. Thank you for your entry form and supporting map both of which were most useful on the day of adjudication. It is good to see that the competition has a positive impact on your community. Your ongoing co-operation with Cork County Council is commendable and no doubt of great assistance to you. Do you try to recruit new members to your committee? Are there children in the area that could take on a small project within Dunbeacon with your assistance?

The Built Environment:

The remotely located burial ground was well presented with a beautiful stonewall entrance topped by a couple of planted tubs. The Church and its boundary wall were neatly presented as always but the deterioration of the rusting bell mechanism was disappointing. Dunbeacon Castle commanded a prominent coastal site. The Campsite and gardens at Dunbeacon Pottery were greatly admired.

Landscaping:

You are commended on planting a diverse range of indigenous species in Dunbeacon – fuscias and white thorns. These can be further enhanced, as identified by your group by bright seasonal flowers. Pretty bedding plants were noted at the base of the church wall and added a welcome splash of colour. The planting of pansies at the main junction in Dunbeacon was very effective.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your ongoing work in this area is commendable and no doubt the local wildlife ranger will be able to assist you further in this area. I suggest you contact the ranger for advice regarding the removal of ivy at the bridge to

ensure that you are not destroying an important habitat in the process.

Litter Control:

Litter control is not a problem in Dunbeacon. Given the sprawling nature of the village your committee has quite an area to cover and it appears that your rota works to great effect. Does the community play their part here on a voluntary basis or is the task left solely to the Dunbeacon Action Group?

Waste Minimisation:

You mention in your entry form that you have conducted a considerable amount to cleaning around the beach area and removed the waste to landfill. Ideally you should segregate all litter and recycle it and use landfill only as a last resort. The adjudicator noted that there was an area where cut grass was dumped in the burial ground – perhaps this could be developed into a formal composting area?

Tidiness:

Dunbeacon is for the most part crisp in its presentation. The farm-buildings on the road to the burial site still remain unpainted and that is a pity. Some residential boundary walls and fences require repainting and this should be encouraged when the road resurfacing has been completed.

Residential Areas:

Private residences in Dunbeacon are generally well presented. The garden sweeping down to the road toward the post box was greatly admired. The Lemon and Green house on the Durrus road looked wonderful, as did Pinegrove.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads were being resurfaced in Dunbeacon on the day of adjudication and the completion of this work will greatly enhance the appearance of the village. The majority of verges in back areas are well maintained.

General Impression:

Dunbeacon is progressing well in the competition and congratulations are extended to all involved.