

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dunmanway** Ref: **672**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **244**
Category: **C** Date(s): **28/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	37
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	244

Overall Development Approach:

Dunmanway is very welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. Thank you for your Development Plan, completed entry form and supporting map which were of great assistance on the day of adjudication. It is refreshing to note that you see the competition as having a positive impact in civic pride in Dunmanway and that you can still manage to attract new members! Your ongoing lobbying is paying dividends and this will play an increasingly important role as you progress to a higher level in the competition. It is clear that you co-operate with a series of agencies in the course of your work and this is commendable. Sustained contact with the schools is laudable and the work of the transition year students must be a great help.

The Built Environment:

The Community School and grounds were neat in their presentation and the approaching stonewall was greatly admired (pity it wasn't extended to the main road!). H. Dixon & Co. had a vibrant display of petunias and geraniums. The School that Sam Maguire attended had been freshly painted and looked well. Similarly AIB was well painted and sported attractive window boxes. The National School was neat and tidy and its rainbow railings certainly added a welcome splash of colour. Galvins Statoil is commended for effective permanent planting that helps camouflage the concrete forecourt behind. Other commercial and public premises that were admired on the day of adjudication include Carbery Veterinary Clinic, Supervalu, Garda Station, Methodist Church, J.Buckleys and Connollys. The Church and graveyard are well maintained but the graveyard wall should be painted before next year's competition. The restoration work conducted on the stone whitewashed building is commended.

Landscaping:

Mature landscaping and well-trimmed grass area was admired on the Drimoleague Road. Similarly permanent planting and native trees were noted on the Crookelure Road. Many other incidental flowerbeds and

landscaped areas brighten up the streetscape of Dunmanway and the work of your committee is commended. In particular, a vibrant flowerbed opposite the AIB was greatly admired. The Childrens Playground and adjoining park were immaculate on the day of adjudication.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It has been noted that you are currently in talks with transition year students regarding the conducting of a wildlife survey in Dunmanway. We look forward to the results of this with next year's entry.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control was good so obviously the weekly summer patrols are paying dividends. Some litter was evident in the centre of the town.

Waste Minimisation:

You mention in your entry form that you get good support from the local schools with regard to waste minimisation. Are any of the school participating in the Green Flag Programme? Participation in the Anti-Litter League is a good way of sustaining interest in the appearance of Dunmanway and no doubt the fortnightly reports are useful to your weekly patrols. It is important the litter collected be segregated and recycled where possible. There is now an impressive Recycling Centre on the Kilbarry Road and use of this should be maximised.

Tidiness:

Many of the commercial premises in Dunmanway display traditional signage and this is commendable – it is important, however, that they be maintained to a high standard. Similarly road signage should be kept clean at all times on the day of adjudication some of the signage on the Drimoleague road was quite dirty. Whilst the tennis courts were reasonable in their presentation the public seating deteriorated drastically the further you go into the park! The public seat and hanging basket stand at the triangular flowerbed should be upgraded or removed before next year's competition.

Residential Areas:

The new residential development at Nowen View is being completed and some gardens were looking wonderful and this certainly sets the standard. Carriage B&B was crisp and fresh in its appearance. The colourful terraced row opposite the school was greatly admired. Ros Gael was also looking well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road surface on Castle Street was quite uneven in places. Despite this most of the roads and streets are well presented on the day.

General Impression:

Dunmanway is clearly a town in transition and the impending improvement works, upgrading of amenities and sourcing of funding from agencies will all play a significant role in the progress of the town in the Tidy Towns Competition. Keep up the good work!