

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Dungarvan** Ref: **391**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **242**
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	41
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	35
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	242

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Dungarvan to the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your completed entry form. You have a large Committee of 12 people and that is most encouraging for your future progress. Ten meetings a year certainly keeps the Committee really busy and your dedication to Dungarvan is impressive. The Parish, the County Council and FAS all seem to be supporting your work appropriately. For next year, you might consider preparing a 3 Year Tidy Towns Plan for Dungarvan. This would indicate what projects you will undertake each year.

The Built Environment:

The negotiations in regard to the derelict house and wall will hopefully conclude shortly, and will allow the elimination of this untidy area. The village Pump area was attractively presented and this represents an important aspect of Dungarvan's history. The fine stone building at the Ouncel is a key focus point in the village and the hanging baskets here were admired. The projecting sign here is unfortunate. Nearby, the Grotto was neatly presented and the Walsh property at the road junction caught the eye. The colour choice here is good and the old casement windows survive which is important. A small stone house, set back from the road here, was also admired. The grey derelict building has been very neatly treated and fits in quite well with the core of the village. Down the road, the Church and Tower were much admired. The grass area to the rear, with the Graveyard, was excellently presented and this is a large area to maintain. The Hall is an interesting old building. Was this once a Church, as the windows would appear to indicate? The Hall would be improved, if the other gable and rear wall were painted.

Landscaping:

The new Whitebeam trees on the Gowran road were admired, as was the planting around the Hall. On the Gowran road, the landscaped area at the village sign was well presented and the fencing here was admired. A

flower tub here needed to be treated. On the road out of the village towards Gowran, a fine well cut private hedge along by the roadside stood out.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You did not indicate any projects under this adjudication category. A good start would be to carry out a simple survey of the wildlife present in the Dungarvan area – birds, insects, plants, animals etc. It would be good to involve some of the children of the Parish in this work.

Litter Control:

Litter control in Dungarvan was quite good on the day of the visit. On the Gowran approach, just a little litter was noted in the parking area by the Limestone village sign.

Waste Minimisation:

No new projects were indicated under this category for this year. Have a look around Dungarvan to see what waste is being generated and see how this can be reduced. See if there are any recycling possibilities.

Tidiness:

When work starts on the old house and wall, this will greatly improve area of the village. Opposite the Church, the yellow road boundary wall needed to be repainted. Some wall repairs, on the Gowran road at the village, might be considered for next year.

Residential Areas:

The limited range of private houses was well presented and good landscaping was evident. It is great to see that Dungarvan has not been over-run by estate development.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Gowran approach road is especially pleasing in presentation and the landscaped area, at the village name stone, created a great first impression. Closer in to the village, the narrow grass verges on the left and right needed to be trimmed. On the Thomastown approach, the green village sign was partially obscured from view by growth.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit Dungarvan for the first time and we wish you well with your plans for 2010.