

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CELBRIDGE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The 5 year work programme submitted by Celbridge is very comprehensive. It seems like there is scope to improving your relationship with Kildare County Council. We look forward to seeing the planned projects develop over the coming years. Many thanks for the detailed questionnaire and map. I also found the draft brochure on the history of the area most interesting and look forward to seeing the completed guide book available.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is potential for greater nature conservation in Celbridge. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts or groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require. You may like to involve the school children in this project.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited is to be commended. There were some lovely colourful flower baskets throughout the main street. The grounds of the Celbridge Abbey were exceptionally well presented as was the beautiful landscaped grounds of the Setanta House Hotel. Improvements could be made to the bank area beyond the Abbey farm estate and the area opposite the Grove estate where weeds had grown amongst the shrubs. The area opposite Beatty Park could also be brightened up with the addition of a flower bed.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In general most of the important buildings were well presented. These included the church, Primrose Hill school and the industrial area. A new stone wall was under construction to the front of Celbridge House and it was coming along nicely. Works were under way at the Tea Lane Cemetery and hopefully, it will look well when completed. Cunninghams Funeral Home was very well presented. The following businesses deserve praise for their premises; Setanta House Hotel, The Speak Bar, Stand Bar and Damiens Londis all of whom had colourful presentations of hanging floral baskets. Improvements could be made to both Statoi Garages, Stuarts Manshop, Walshes Pharmacy and Blakes Pharmacy, all of which appeared dull.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general in Celbridge was quite good. One area which had quite a lot of litter was the shopping area beside Celbridge House and in and around Thornhill Meadows. There were no visible litter bins around this area. The business premises here should be encouraged to keep the area clean.

### **TIDINESS**

Celbridge was relatively tidy on the day of inspection. Works on the new sewer had begun and there were disruptions along the main street. Weed control was well maintained and well done to everyone.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The adjudicator spent quite some time visiting all the housing estates. Celbridge has certainly grown since I was here last. In general the majority of the estates were very well presented and full credit to the residents for all their hard work. Thornhill Meadows had a big problem with litter at the entrance to the estate and this would need to be tackled. Other individual residential properties in the centre of Celbridge are also well presented, with one or two very minor exceptions.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Celbridge have once again been well maintained and well done to everyone. There are some lovely stone walls on your approach from Clane and Dublin. When the new town name signs are erected I am sure these will add to the overall appearance. The adjudicator walked around Celbridge and found most of the back areas clean and tidy with one or two minor exceptions.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Celbridge is a lovely place to visit with its commanding Castletown House and grounds and the river Liffey flowing through the town. For a Committee that is only three years old you are certainly more organised than some. Your work to date is to be commended and I look forward to returning next year.