

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BRIDGETOWN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	170	166

Bridgetown, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Bridgetown is an attractive rural village off the main Limerick-Killaloe Road, along the signposted Sarsfields Ride route. The extensive village green, as a central feature, is very well maintained and the Committee would appear to have reasonable support from the local community. The attention to detail in maintaining the public areas and the recent tree-planting were noted. A 3 - 5 year work programme is recommended as a guideline for the community, the Committee, FAS and others involved or interested in continuing the improvement of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and graveyard, the school and school grounds are being well-maintained (FAS scheme apparently) and the business premises - Ginivans, Cooneys and Pierce's looked well. The improved appearance of the Creamery was again noticeable.

LANDSCAPING

The village open spaces, with the planting and landscaping that has already been undertaken, is the main feature. The planting near the river and along the school were noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The focus on wildlife and natural amenities in the Competition was referred to in last year's report with reference to the potential of the area along the river and at the bridge. Something further could still be done here but it would require an input from someone with an interest in wildlife conservation to draft a simple plan that could be incorporated into your overall work programme.

LITTER CONTROL

As in 1996, litter control was very good. Obviously regular maintenance of the public areas is helping in this regard.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy throughout on the day of adjudication and the Committee is to be commended for their efforts to maintain the appearance of Bridgetown.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in the Clonboy estate and individual houses around the village are all contributing to the overall favourable impression of Bridgetown.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are being reasonably maintained - the stone-walls and trees along the Killaloe road, the new stone walls and the old building (forge?) being restored on the O'Briens Bridge

road and the well, were especially noted. The roads to Fahy and Ballynevin are pleasant country lanes.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bridgetown is a most pleasant rural village with much to commend it. The involvement of the Committee and the community, the input from the business community and the contribution from FAS in maintaining the school and church grounds are achieving good results. A 3 - 5 year development plan or work programme would be useful to sustain continued progress.