

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NEWMARKET-CORK**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>150</b>

## **Newmarket, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your fundraising activities, and your co-operative relationship with other organisations, are impressive. You might consider engaging in a three to five year Development Plan: such plans have proved most helpful to other committees, in identifying and listing projects, and scheduling them for specific years (rather than trying to do everything at once), with a resulting raising of standards.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The principal buildings are well cared for. A pity that there are still a number of shops with plastic or mass-produced signage. Older marbled signwriting such as at Quinlins should be assiduously preserved as it is now very rare. The deconsecrated church was under repair at the time of adjudication: if the original type of window at the street end can be reinstated it will be a big improvement. O'Brien's Hall remains a problem; even if the debris could be removed from its adjacent yard it would be an improvement. It was good to see important commercial premises such as Irish Potato Packers, the Co-Op and Statoil so well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

New trees, shrubs and bedding plants all contribute to a sense of visual enjoyment. The landscaping as one arrives in the village from Kanturk is particularly welcome; the shrubs seemed to be thriving better than the annuals, which take a lot of trouble and also have a short season. There is a major challenge to improve the landscaping on the Kanturk road itself. Planting round the car-park perimeter is good in intention, but the shrubs did not seem to be well nurtured at the time of adjudication. Shrubberies at Barry's Place are excellent. Your tree-planting programme is especially praiseworthy. It was good, too, to see the floral displays in boxes and baskets on business and private properties.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Newmarket is very well situated amid woods and pastoral countryside for the development of an active awareness of the natural environment. You might read the section under this heading in the Tidy Towns booklet, as well as the information sheet from Conservation Volunteers Ireland.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Newmarket was reasonably free of litter on adjudication day; the only area where litter was appreciable was the large car-park.

### **TIDINESS**

Apart from the area beside O'Brien's Hall, the town was tidy at the time of adjudication. Barry's Place seemed much improved - though there is a short space between the older and newer houses which is badly in need of attention.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The older terraced houses through the village were nicely painted - this is one of the great attractions of Newmarket. New houses, some with pleasant gardens, seemed remarkably well kept: suburban areas such as Demesne Avenue, the road parallel to it (above the church) and Pound Hill are most attractive. The weedy area at Barry's Place has been referred to above, and it would be an improvement if all front boundary walls there were painted in keeping with the particular houses.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approaches to the town are well looked after. New surfacing is good. There seems to be road-widening on the Kanturk road, the completion of which will not doubt be a big improvement; the curve of this main road as it enters the village is most impressive. Street and estate name plates are badly needed.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A picturesque and prosperous village, where a great deal of work is being done to improve the visual amenity.