

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	177

Celbridge, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for all the information, draft of booklet and press material which was submitted with your comprehensively filled out application form. The map was most useful to the adjudicators. Well done on your town competitions and "Tackle the Trash" initiatives. It is important that all new residents in the town are made aware of the Tidy Towns and the Awards night will draw attention to the good work being done and encourage participation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many commercial premises were well presented including Norris, Bank of Ireland, Gogarty's, Bakery Coffee Shop, Paddy Power bookmakers, Lynch's, Castletown Inn and Speakers Bar. Celbridge Carpet Centre was housed in a lovely old building as was Jassamine House. General Paints on the Celbridge Road was also located in a fine building. Cunningham's Funeral Home is also very nice. The church on the main street was well presented. Well done with the noticeboard on the main street. Celbridge Shopping Centre had some nice tree planting in the vicinity though more hanging baskets on the shops would enhance the area. HDS Energy had an area opposite that could be developed. The school near Willowbrook was well kept. The Celbridge Inn was neat and tidy. The Bingo Hall and Graveyard were both well presented, as was the school on the Hazelhatch Road.

LANDSCAPING

Some trees in Celbridge Abbey needed to be replaced but the area around the grotto was well landscaped. There are some good nurseries in the area which should help with the landscaping. It is important that both trees and flowers are maintained and looked after. Nice planting was noted at the Open Garage.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Celbridge has the benefit of the River Liffey and Celbridge Abbey. The Liffey is a wildlife haven. As noted in your plan a survey should be undertaken to assess its potential in the area - the schools should also be able to take part with biology/nature study students using the river as a study area. Celbridge Abbey is also a wonderful amenity. Grey squirrels were seen running up and down the trees looking for food. Try to work on this aspect of the competition - the Tidy Towns booklet has some useful advice.

LITTER CONTROL

This was generally good especially in a town so populated with housing estates. The idea of competitions between the estates helps to make the residents aware of the litter problem. Litter was well under control though there was a scattering in some estates.

Small amounts of litter were also noted at the base of the churchyard on the Dublin road and at the entrance to Castle Village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is unusual to have so many estates that are mostly well presented. All involved should be congratulated. Chestnut grove was well presented. Willowbrook had a lot of greenery - could this be used as an amenity for children or perhaps it should be landscaped. It is also important to manage trees. A wall could be painted along Castle Village Drive and dead trees should be removed. Crodaun was very well presented - congratulations to all. The old shopping centre is, however, a bit of an eyesore. Beatty Grove was well looked after. Castletown Drive was reasonable - a number of nice trees have matured well. Some houses have made a great effort - well done. St. Patrick's Park had a good entrance though more attention is needed in weedy areas. There are very few trees here. Vandalism evident at telephone box. The estates on the Clane road are well maintained though there are some weedy areas. Plants at the base of signs and trees are not that effective as plants compete for water and food. Houses on the Hazelhatch road were well presented. Flower beds in Larkfield Mews required weeding and grass in Devon Court needed cutting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Dublin approach road featured a large number of new trees, replacing those vandalised. Well done on this. No litter or weeds were noted in the gutters. The Maynooth road approach was very well presented. The Ardclough road had some fine planting. It is difficult to read the sign on the Hazelhatch road as it is turned to the hedge.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A town which has to manage its rapid growth. Your work and effort is being rewarded. Some innovation is required as to the usage of amenity areas in the various estates. Vandalism is a problem in a town of this size - perseverance and education will hopefully help in the future.