

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	175	170

Bridgetown, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The work of a small Committee and inputs from FAS continue to retain the natural attractiveness of Bridgetown which complements its rural surroundings. The large green is very well maintained and a major feature of the village. All concerned are to be complimented. The recent planting, the flower beds and the feature around the river bridge were noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The elements of the built environment mentioned in previous reports are again worthy of note - the cemetery, Church/grounds and grotto, Cooney's Bar and Lounge, Pearse's Bar and Girivan's Bar and Grocery which was very well presented with brightly painted frontage, hanging flower baskets and very attractive gardens. The Bridgetown Co-Op Creamery Ltd., was also well presented and tidy.

LANDSCAPING

The principal landscaping project is obviously the village green and the area between the green and Girivan's premises. As mentioned above, the standard of maintenance of this area is high and enhances greatly the overall impression of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The potential of the wildlife and natural aspects of the area along the river remains to be realised. Perhaps advice might be forthcoming from some quarter on this and perhaps it could be a worthwhile project of the local School to undertake.

LITTER CONTROL

There was almost no litter around the village - in fact, at the time of adjudication one person was emptying litter bins and collecting what little there was around the School and Church and also on the Green.

TIDINESS

The whole village has an air of tidiness except for the area along the grassy bank opposite the side of the cemetery.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses (especially those in the vicinity of Girivan's) and the houses in the Clonboy estate are all being well maintained and

making their contribution. It appears that there are new houses (16) to be built opposite Cooney's. The Committee should be vigilant that this development does not unduly disrupt or damage what has been achieved in terms of Tidy Towns and that the development, when completed, is landscaped and finished to complement the rest of the village. These new residents should be invited to become part of this community effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads from the Killaloe cross and from Broadford could be improved. This applies especially to the area between Tobar na Sul (which in itself is an attractive feature with good stone walling), along the left side opposite the cemetery to the Broadford road. The approach on the other end of the village (towards the Co-Op) has some nice stone walling and mature trees. The minor roads to Fahy and Ballynevin are two very pleasant country lanes and walks.

GENERAL IMPRESSION.

The overall impression of Bridgetown is a most attractive village in a pleasant rural setting. A small but active Tidy Towns group - working with the local community and with some State support are making their own place a better place in which to live and also making the village a pleasant place to visit.