

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWMARKET-KILKENNY**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	204

Newmarket, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank for the information sent with the entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is indeed gratifying to read that you have the full support of the community and State agencies with your Tidy Towns effort. It is a reflection on this that you are receiving so much assistance and goodwill for your new and exciting project "Gairdin an Ghorta" the site of which was observed on adjudication day. This wonderful project deserves every success. Please do however maintain and add to what you have already achieved in the competition. Generally plan to do something additional each year under each heading within your physical and financial resources in order to gain additional marks.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Evidence of your wall repair work was to be seen on adjudication day and your comments regarding some non-cooperation were noted. These walls are an integral part of the infrastructure of Newmarket and will greatly enhance the appearance of the village when the work is complete. The presentation of the church and school was again excellent as were their surroundings. Comments regarding derelict sites in last years report are still applicable.

LANDSCAPING

Newmarket again looked very colourful on adjudication. The new landscaping on the Knocktopher road was noted and is excellent. Flowers around the bases of trees are not recommended nowadays. One wonders if the same thing applies to the village pump in Newmarket. Would it look better in its natural state? Please do bear in mind the comments made in last year's report regarding landscaping particularly in the "Gairdin an Ghorta" area when the time comes.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments in this respect were noted and it is indeed nice to read that the local gun club, beekeepers and the Tidy Towns committee are combining their efforts under this heading. Again please take cognisance of the comments made in last years report. Do get the best advice available to you.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was almost completely litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

TIDINESS

As usual Newmarket was presented in a very neat and tidy

manner. Well done to all concerned. There were flowers in abundance to be seen and where presented window boxes and hanging baskets looked extremely well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of private residences is a main feature of the Tidy Towns effort in Newmarket. The fact that they are done to such a high standard is again a reflection on the excellent work being done by your committee which has transformed this village in a very short time. Gardens , where presented, were excellent and reflect great credit on their owners.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces were good and verges were reasonably well presented. This is an aspect of the competition which needs careful monitoring particularly in a wet summer. Could we mention however that the thinking nowadays is that hedges and verges should not be too severely cut back. Leave some space for the growth of wild flowers. In other words, when cutting a grass verge do not cut it right back to the hedge or wall but leave about 18 inches for the propagation of these flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator came away very impressed with what is happening in Newmarket and the continued high level of work which is being done unstintingly. It continues to be a most delightful place and the adjudicator looks forward to coming back again next year to see the fruits of your further labours.