

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **JOHNSTOWN**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	214	210

Johnstown, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Planning is all important so that priorities can be set and decisions made as to how, when and who will progress the items. Co-operation with public bodies can help further the aims greatly. The traffic through the main street continually creates a disturbing environment. Crossing the road is also a difficulty.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church of Ireland and the surrounding walls are a fine asset in the town and the work done to present them in their present state is a credit to those concerned. The toilet building is concealed by the planting. However, the condition inside was less than satisfactory. The buildings around the octagonal are well presented and give a very pleasant picture. The school on the Cork road is in very nice condition with well landscaped grounds. The wall out along this road is attractive. Some work at the petrol station is causing some disruption at present.

LANDSCAPING

The large trees and grassed areas at the octagon give a certain character to the town. One of these trees is dead and needs replacement. Tree planting especially out the Dublin road is very impressive. It is marvellous to see such an extensive tree planting scheme and the benefits will be seen in the future. The ESSO garage is well landscaped. Some kerbside weedy grasses in places were noted and could be cleaned easily – especially near church and cemetery. The extensive hedging planted by the wall opposite the Church of Ireland is an excellent project. It is understandable that the works at the octagon have interfered this year with the planting plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A specific project in this regard should be established and a strategy planned to implement it.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is well under control. Some litter was noted in places and constant vigilance is needed – not just here but everywhere in Ireland.

TIDINESS

Despite the heavy traffic a very high standard of tidiness is in place.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing schemes are well presented. Individual homes are well cared for and residents are to be complimented for the state of their homes. There are always some that can improve, especially the painting of walls and railings and generally tidying up surrounds.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new road surface on the Templemore road is welcome. Some rough surfaces at the entrance to the ESSO garage were noticed. The main roads are well surfaced and well marked. The dividing line between allowing native plants to thrive on the road sides and the provision of a tidy approach needs to be considered.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Johnstown is a pleasant village to visit and the central area gives great character to the area.