

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	209

Newmarket, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the map and very interesting details of the gairdin an ghorta. This is a fantastic project to undertake in such a small village and with such limited resources. This shows a marvellous imaginative spirit among the people involved and over the next few years it is clear to see that this will be a truly interesting asset not just to Newmarket but to a much wider area. Even though this is a small village, a three to five year plan is essential to ensure targets are set, readjusted and pursued with a positive focus.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The walls are an outstanding feature of the built environment and repair and restoration of walls is of tremendous value. The church and school are well presented. Many homes in the village are well cared for and show a pride in the village. Any derelict buildings will need to be focused upon as time permits. The old building on the corner is interesting and is well presented.

LANDSCAPING

Newmarket has a very pleasant landscaped approach on the Knocktopher approach with the lovely roadside planting forming a garden on entry to the village. The school grounds are attractive and grass well mown. A little more attention to the grotto area in the church grounds would be helpful. The entry to the church is very good. Individual homes and gardens are very important in a small village and they contribute well to the overall landscape of the village. The ash trees and the central conifer tree make a nice sight. The gairdin an ghorta is obviously a major landscaping project that will be interesting to follow.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The ponds are interesting. Projects relating to wild life can be organised in all parts of Ireland. Local knowledge will be helpful. The Tidy Towns manual will give some approaches to improve on this aspect.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter control is very good and a very clean appearance is evident. With the completion of the Famine commemorative project, more visitors will come and please be prepared for dealing with their litter

TIDINESS

This is a very tidy village with great care and attention seen throughout. Some extra attention to places such as the grotto and

its surrounding borders, the Fas building and areas of staining on walls would be helpful.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small number of residences are well cared for as stated above and they contribute well to the appearances of the village. Your committee of 10 is doing powerful work.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are in good condition and this helps present a good appearance

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very interesting village to visit with an obvious sense of care and attention. The famine garden project seems to be an outstanding one and the already completed cottage is a delight.