

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	183	181

Bridgetown, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed application form including map of Bridgetown which was very helpful to the Adjudicator. The small committee of three is to be commended on the work undertaken to date in Bridgetown and the maintenance of same over the years. New residents will now be coming into the village and should be encouraged to become involved in your endeavours.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings in the village of the Church and the School (nicely painted in a lovely shade of yellow) are both well maintained and nicely landscaped. Business premises such as the two public houses and the Texaco filling station are also well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

This is where Bridgetown makes a special impression. The very large grassed and planted area in the centre of the village is very well maintained and provides a pleasant place for residents and visitors alike in the heart to the village. Also noted was the excellent low maintenance flower bed on the O'Brien's Bridge entrance and the hanging baskets featured at the bridge. Colourful tubs of flowers and well planted stone flower beds also added to the ambience of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The maintenance of green spaces as mentioned above contribute to this category. The hedgerows on the outskirts of the village have not been cut back and feature ferns, wild flowers and berries which, no doubt ensure the well-being of wildlife in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

A couple of litter bins were noted in the village and very little litter was to be seen throughout with just a sprinkling at the established housing estate.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly weedfree except on the road past the Slieve Bearnagh Pub. The Nenagh coop yard could have been more orderly and the surround wall needed painting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most individual private houses in the village are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort and also the housing estate in the centre of the village which is nicely planted throughout. The new houses being built (also in the centre of the village) have a rather untidy aspect at present but, no doubt, on completion the residents will ensure that their properties are properly completed and landscaped. As mentioned above, these residents should be encouraged to involve themselves in the tidy towns effort. The private houses on the O'Brien's Bridge approach need attention to surrounds. However, a good trellised wooden fence was being constructed at the bungalow with the mobile home adjacent on the day of adjudication.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches to Bridgetown are very attractive in the main with some of them tree lined like avenues. Most signage throughout the village is good but the Bridgetown name sign on the road past the Slieve Bearnagh pub was overgrown and unreadable. Back areas which are visible to the public such as beside Cooney's pub should not be overlooked.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A village set in pleasant rural surroundings where there is a commitment to constant improvement.