

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWCESTOWN VILLAGE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	33
The Built Environment	40	28	29
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	214	217

Newcestown, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

There continues to be a consistently high level of presentation and effort in Newcestown. The list of objectives in your plan are very worthwhile – footpath developments, repairs to stone walls, establishment of a bird sanctuary and the ongoing work of painting and general maintenance.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church plays a very predominant role in the village and is a very impressive building lending character to the village. The built grotto is attractive and is maintained very well. The painting of the school makes this building stand out well and the work of paving and roadside guttering has been completed. The concrete road side guttering is looking a little clinical at present and hopefully with time this will tone down. The business premises are well maintained – although it is time now for some repainting of the adjoining house of O' Mahony's and the garage near the picnic tables. The post office continues to look well.

LANDSCAPING

The planting of new trees is always welcome . The lovely entrance green and display of farm machinery add an interesting local history touch to the village. The grassed verges are very well maintained . The roadside landscape beyond the grotto is very attractive and this water stream is very well utilised giving a lovely picture. The two new houses being built cause some temporary disruption in the village. It is important that the landscaping of these be put in place as soon as possible so that they can merge well into the surrounding landscape. Landscaping at the school and GAA grounds is kept well. The garden behind the telephone box continues to look well and contributes well to the village centre.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The bird sanctuary mentioned in the plan is a very good one to develop. Please get advice in this regard and work in cooperation with the school.

LITTER CONTROL

A very high level of litter control and the village had a very clean look on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

Apart from the disruption by the new housing and some attention to painting as mentioned above there was a very tidy appearance in the village . The grotto roadside stream feature fits in well to the situation and become part of the village landscape.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small number of residences around the village look after their homes and gardens well and as such contribute greatly to the overall appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The village roadway system is such that the two roads meeting at the shops form an attractive village centre. This allows the church a great prominence. The road back to the picnic area across and towards the grotto are in good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Newcestown gives an impression of a very well cared village in which cooperation and attention to detail over a number of years has resulted in a very tidy and attractive village. As time passes it is important that continued work be progressed and that the village does not become stagnant and merely maintain what has been done to date. Imaginative new ideas help to motivate people and a modicum of this may be required now.