

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CALVERSTOWN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	31
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Calverstown, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form, detailed map and various sets of plans, which were most helpful to the adjudicators. Your progress as outlined in the plans is ambitious and will be watched with interest in the future. You are indeed very fortunate to have the document 'Calverstown - Planning For Controlled Development'. Perhaps you can use this document as a basis for a 3-5 year Tidy Town's plan for the village, which would be rewarded by a notable increase in mark allocation in this section.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Hickey's looked well on the day of adjudication and was well painted. The Post Office was satisfactory and the hanging baskets were most impressive. The adjudicator was delighted to note that the adjoining stables will be upgraded in the foreseeable future, as it will be a great architectural asset to the village. The emerging theme of stonewalls recurs at various points throughout the village and its environs (Calverstown Place, Carrigboro and Stoneybrook House)– this is most welcome and should be encouraged. It will no doubt be enhanced by the proposed work on the Post Office stables.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The three flower beds on the Carlow Road add a great deal of colour to this road and are further enhanced by the stone surround and intermittent planting of trees. The planting of wild flowers was also noted and perhaps in future years this theme could be extended possibly to improve the appearance of the strip of land parallel to the football pitch. The Green in the village centre is well maintained and has a wide variety of tasteful shrubberies and flowers, which will provide interest throughout the seasons. The monument at the Crescent looked well and a lot of effort went into the planting of flowerbeds at its base – however, on the day of adjudication this flower- bed was overgrown with weeds.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is huge potential for the development of a wildlife amenity in Calverstown – namely the stream (as identified in your proposals). It is currently quite hidden by the adjacent hedgerow as one travels out the Ballyshannon road and by the wall in the village.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is not a problem in Calverstown. On the day of inspection very little litter was evident. However, this will need careful monitoring with the new residential developments in the village. The provision of litterbins in the new estates would help. Suitable outdoor furniture should also be provided. A well maintained bin was noted, however, in the green near the pump and is to be commended. Congratulations are extended to the Litter Cadets who carried out trojan work!

## **TIDINESS**

In general, Calverstown is an extremely tidy village. However, a number of residences on the Narraghmore road detract from this overall impression. Attention to detail regarding some residential entrances here is required particularly with regard to weeding, trimming and painting of boundary walls. Another area requiring attention is at the rear of the Lee Drive adjoining the football pitch boundaries. Some trees have been planted but the grassy area is poorly maintained. Boundary walls and fences also require attention.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Crescent was well maintained. Each of the residences displayed an array of window boxes, poled plants or hanging baskets. The cobble locking and painted barriers look well. Many individual residences were praiseworthy eg. Rose Cottage. The Priory Village is an impressive residential estate with new landscaping that will mature and add to the character of the village throughout the years. The adjudicator looks forward to the completion of Calverstown Place.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The Kilcullen road is well kept and the adjudicators look forward to the enhancement of this with the completion of the new residences. Signage in Calverstown is excellent, however the town sign on the Ballyshannon road was somewhat overgrown and requires attention. In addition, the broken "concealed entrance" sign opposite the crescent needs to be replaced. Access to the rear yard of Hickey's on the Ballyshannon road was unsightly due mainly to the rough and broken nature of the surface.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village looks very well and the activities of the Tidy Towns Committee have made a great impact on Calverstown. In certain areas attention to detail is most evident. The adjudicator awaits with anticipation the

completion of work at Leedrive and the proposed development of the stream as an amenity.