

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWMARKET-CORK**
County : **CORK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	27
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	23	20
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	178	172

Newmarket, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As suggested in last years report the Committee should prepare a rolling 3-5 year plan (no more than 5 pages plus map). This would clearly set out your objectives and progress for each year. It should include an explanatory map to assist the adjudicator. Liaison with FÁS and Cork County Council is important, as these organisations are instrumental in the development of your town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many comments made in last years report apply again this year. Derelict buildings particularly the one on the Freemont approach detract from the area. Is the renovation work on the CYMs ongoing? This work was underway last year and would vastly improve this building if it was complete. The removal of plastic signs particularly from public houses would be a great step forward. The Committee should also encourage more extensive use of the Irish language on commercial premises. Newmarket has a high degree of private residences in its urban setting, which means it really is a 'living' town. Care should be taken to retain traditional sash windows and keep true to traditional textures (finishes) and colour.

LANDSCAPING

The trees on the Boherbue approach look well. The traffic island at the junction of Church St. and Main St. did not have any flowers in bloom and was not up to the standard set last year. The Railway Enterprise park area continues to look very well maintained. The pitch and putt course and the West End Park look well. The new walkway at Island Wood is a great addition. The adjudicator would have welcomed more information on this amenity i.e. what is the access situation and are their plans to promote this walk?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The comments made in the 2000 report would apply again. This is an important aspect of the competition and it carries 10% of the overall marks. This topic may be one that the school children in the town could take up as a project. The Committee should consult the 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' section of the Tidy Towns Handbook.

LITTER CONTROL

There still appears to be sporadic litter but there is a significant improvement on last year. Has there been a significant targeting of this problem in the area? The bins in the vicinity of the playground equipment at West End look very well and should be replicated elsewhere where replacements are being made. Is the juvenile GAA clean up

happening this year? The adjudicator would welcome more information on litter prevention, measures/anti litter campaigns you may have been involved with for next years competition

TIDINESS

The level of the tidiness is quite high with the car park area looking clean with clear road markings. The recycling facilities are an important facility and are very accessible. The problem of weed growth seems to be under control also. The footpath area in the vicinity of the National School was exceptionally clean. The bins in the West End play area also looked well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is a strong category for Newmarket with very fine efforts being made by the houses on the approach to the O'Keefe Memorial Institute. Others to impress were Verling Place, Paddy Guiney Terrace and house on the Freemont approach. Barry's Terrace would need to cut the grass in the communal areas. There is a high level of residential houses on the main streets. These could look much better with some floral decoration.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The thirty-mile speed limit signs look very fresh on the approach roads. The Boherbue approach continues to look well. The open space on the Kanturk approach with the mounded stones is starting to look untidy as a litter trap and weed growth. Are there plans to develop this area? A strong feature of the area is the natural cut stonewalls. The Grotto looks very well maintained. The bilingual street name signs look well. The Committee should be vigilant in terms of making sure that footpaths are dished to insure disabled access. The hedgerow on the other approach roads were well trimmed

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Newmarket continues to look well; the time is right to put together an integrated rolling plan for the town. This will insure that the great strides made to date will continue into the future.