

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWBRIDGE-GALWAY**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	22	19
Landscaping	40	15	11
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	11
Litter Control	40	21	17
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	15	10
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	16
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	145	120

Newbridge, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on the effort being put into the tidy towns competition by the 13-member committee – keep it up, the results are beginning to be seen! The map was very well laid out and the additional bird tables are a nice feature in the village. It is indeed a pity that so far the mobile home near the community centre has remained in situ – it really does detract from the overall look of the village. It is important to involve youth in the project and make them aware of their responsibility to the environment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Overall the buildings in the village looked freshly painted and cheerful. In particular the painting of an important building of character such as the church adds to the attractiveness of the village. The Priests house also looks well as do the church grounds.

LANDSCAPING

The replanted flowerbeds throughout are an attractive feature of the village and the quality of the backdrop to them i.e. walls and grass is also a factor. The large plastic cone positioned beside the flower beds detract from the planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Additional bird tables are an asset to the village. An information panel on the birds attracted to the tables or on the other great natural amenity – the river and its life forms, might be considered.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was in evidence in the car parking area opposite funeral home. The letters to the local schools appear to be paying dividends as the village overall had a low level of litter.

TIDINESS

Some weed control required outside footpaths near Humpback Bridge. Bottle banks appeared tidy. Kerbing in good condition. Hedgerows neat and trimmed. Sheep dipping tub not visible to the passer by.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The area looked well with maintenance of an acceptable standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Apart from area near hump back bridge and some wild grass area beyond the church on the same side as the

church all areas looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Newbridge shows continued effort and with persistence and some ingenuity can continue to make the village a very attractive place to live in and stop at.