

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CELBRIDGE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	204

Celbridge, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Celbridge is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your fine submission including your five year plan. It is wonderful to witness the community use of the historic Mill. It has been tastefully refurbished and is being nicely presented. Well done on the "Celbridge Tidy Towns" leaflet. It both explains what Tidy Towns is about and how the reader can contribute to the effort. Well done on your submission to Kildare County Council on the 'Celbridge Draft Development Plan'.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As noted above, the historic Celbridge Mill makes a major contribution to the townscape. Most business premises are nicely presented and both The Michael Angelo and Michael McHale façades were admired and area being considered for the Best Shopfront Award. The Abbey Lodge was also excellent in its presentation and the car park here is being nicely presented. The church grounds with their magnificent displays of colour were stunning.

LANDSCAPING

Flower displays on buildings along the main street were colourful and brightened an otherwise wet evening. Landscaped areas around the town featured a good balance of permanent planting with bedding plants. Give greater consideration to planting for winter and spring interest also. The grotto was very much admired. Stands of mature trees add a touch of elegance to their surroundings. It is good to note that young trees are being planted to be enjoyed by future generations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Wildflower Meadow and Celbridge Nature Trail are excellent initiatives which will give enjoyment and educate the public on wildlife species and their needs. There is a diverse range of wildlife habitats in the town and its environs. The cemetery on the Dublin Road looks really well.

LITTER CONTROL

There has been a slight drop in marks under this heading due to the existence of a light scattering of 'new' litter throughout the town centre during adjudication. Some 'old' litter was noted out the Dublin road on which the Orchard Garden Centre and Driving Range is located.

TIDINESS

There is room for improvement under this heading also. Long stretches of footpath out the Hazelhatch road were spoiled by weed growth. Footpaths (some) in an estate off

Lower Main Street suffered in the same way. A few incidental areas and curtilage areas could be upgraded a little.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Castletown estate was excellent in its presentation and very much admired. New housing developments appear to be being finished to a high standard, the Simmonstown Manor development being one example. It is hoped that Celbridge's new residents will make a contribution to the Tidy Towns effort and to the environment in other ways.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads and entrances to Celbridge are being nicely maintained and footpaths, verges and trees marking the entrance from the Dublin road were superb in their presentation. Nameplates looked well. Roads, footpaths and street furniture in the town centre have all been refurbished/replaced in recent years and Celbridge town looks the better for it. There is still some unsightly wirescape along the main streets, could cables be re-routed to run parallel to buildings pending placing them underground?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Celbridge is one of a fine town with many heritage features and with a community that care deeply for their environment. Thank you for a fine submission and presentation.