

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	205	202

Johnstown Bridge, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your entry this year, we note your reticence due to the sewerage scheme and its impact on the village. We are pleased with your decision. Johnstown Bridge is located on a busy thoroughfare and was difficult to adjudicate with speeding traffic, we understand the problem for the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The view of the church from the Dunadea Forest road on entering Johnstown Bridge is wonderful. The building is elegant in its simplicity. All buildings are being nicely maintained. Pay special attention to curtilage areas.

LANDSCAPING

Newly landscaped areas at both entrances to the village on the main road were noted. As the plants mature they will make a significant contribution to the environment. The stone enclosure for the flowerbed at the 'northern' entrance needs to be repaired. The seated green amenity area opposite the school was admired. Focus attention on permanent planting rather than on bedding plants.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The immediate environs of the village feature a variety of wildlife habitats. The village is growing rapidly. This must pose a threat to some species. The threat should be investigated and recorded and protective/conservation measures taken.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good around the village. A minor outbreak was noted at the top of the Donadea road. Some of the new bins were noted, however some of the older ones are still in place. No doubt these will be replaced in due course. Congratulations on the new bins.

TIDINESS

The surrounds of an old oil tank was untidy (on the main road). Weedy footpaths both in the housing estate and on the main road suggest negligence. Some dishevelled walls and outbuildings are a problem under this heading.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small estate is reasonably well presented (except for weed growth noted above). Gardens to some detached houses were admired but roadside areas to boundary walls are a problem in some instances. Substantial new housing developments will bring changes to Johnstown Bridge and

present the community with challenges and further opportunities. We wish you well for the future.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are quite well presented and the verges of the Dunadea Forest road are the best. Some nameplates were in need of cleaning. The old nameplate on the 'southern' entrance should be retained and featured better (it was almost apologetically hidden!). Stone work at the bridge was admired.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There are a lot of development pressures on the community at this time, yet the village was nicely presented. Well done and thanks for staying with us!