

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **RATHANGAN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	44	43
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>231</b>

## **Rathangan, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Rathangan is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed submission. The committee is aware of its strong, cultural, social and natural heritage and is motivated to maintain links with the past whilst moving into the twenty first century. Thank you for the details of your development plan. We wish you well in its implementation.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Bridge Bar and Dillons both look exceptionally well as does the Mill House, the Burrow, Hacketts, the Village Pump and Fullams. The Garda station looks well also. The church and adjacent convent (Noone Engineering) are quite magnificent. The Community Centre was admired. The street layout of the town has an overall integrity which is attractive.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping at Bog Cross which was at an early stage of development during adjudication will be visually significant as plants mature. There are several beautifully landscaped sites around the town and on approach roads and the town has a fine stock of mature trees at various locations. Landscaping at the entrance from the Newtown Road at the bend in the road is a great introduction. The climbing ivy to the perimeter walls of the carpark are most effective and the church here looks elegant in its simplicity. The landscaped river bank forming a linear park out the Prosperous road was very much admired.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Both Tannery Park and the Grand Canal walk are fine amenity developments. The mature stands of trees in the cemetery out the Edenderry road are majestic. The Pitch and Putt course is a valuable amenity development and fulfils not only recreational amenity needs but also visual amenity. The tennis court development is being nicely maintained. The photographic record of the wildlife survey is impressive. Thank you and well done to the twelve year old photographer.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was excellent. Well done! Your litter management activities are paying dividends.

### **TIDINESS**

The derelict national school looks quite well with its painted murals. Congratulations on the recycling initiatives. Kerbs are weed free.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new residential development out the Edenderry road looks really well. A little more work at its entrance would be appropriate. The town is a successful mix of Georgian townhouses and modern bungalows as well as new houses in the course of construction. The great majority of properties are presented to a standard of excellence and public green areas in estates are being well maintained. A co-ordinated colour scheme of muted, pastel shades might be considered for the terraced houses along New Street. Well done on prizes in the County's Best Kept Gardens.

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

The new bi-lingual nameplates have been noted. The wirescape is visually obtrusive and hopefully it will be ducted in the not too distant future. Nameplates need cleaning/refurbishment. Street furniture looks well.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Rathangan is a beautiful village with a community that is deeply committed to caring for their environment.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/01)**

The canal walk and Tannery Park provide wonderful strolling grounds as well as wild life interest. The village renewal has created a very pleasant village centre at Market Square. The lime tree lined avenue to the Church of Ireland is beautiful and the careful maintenance of the graveyard is a credit to those concerned with its upkeep. The cemetery on the Edenderry Road is also well cared for. As was mentioned above, the collection of photographs is wonderful and represents so much through the year in the Woods as well as the village. Congratulations to the young photographer. At the second adjudication the landscaping at the Bog Cross was a little disappointing and does not seem to have sufficient substance to make an impact. Some litter in the form of plastics was noted on the "Nature walk".