

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BRIDGETOWN**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>186</b>

## **Bridgetown, Co.Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your fully completed entry form, one page plan and sketch map. These are exactly the requirements needed each year now and were helpful on the day of adjudication. Your plans to endeavour to involve some of the new residents in the village and to get more positive FAS commitment would seem to be the way forward.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main buildings in Bridgetown consisting of the Church, the School, the two Public Houses and Bridgetown Co-operative Creamery dated 1913, were all well presented, mostly with planted areas or tubs / window boxes.

### **LANDSCAPING**

In view of the poor weather obtaining to date, the landscaped areas in the village were looking very well. As mentioned last year, more permanent flower beds instead of too many containers would be preferable and where containers are used these should not be plastic. More tree planting should be undertaken around the Church, as previously mentioned.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We note you are encouraging ducks to frequent the river. Also, all the planting throughout the village contributes in this category. Whilst this report was being written, in the village, there was a chorus of birdsong in the background.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

As in previous years, the village was virtually litter free

### **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly neat and tidy and weedfree and looking well throughout. This makes the very untidy garden / yard at the house with the "God Bless America" mural stand out more.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Except for the premises previously mentioned, most private houses and residential areas are contributing to your efforts in a positive manner, including the latest housing estate with its well designed attractive homes.

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

Roads and verges were a little rough throughout and need attention. Road signage is of mixed quality – some very well maintained, others needing cleaning and one of speed signs in the O'Briens Bridge approach was facing the wrong direction.

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## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Bridgetown has the potential to do well in the competition. Attention to detail in respect of all aspects needs to be undertaken. We wish you well in the future.