

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BRANNOCKSTOWN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	30	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	173	--

BRANNOCKSTOWN, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. As this is the adjudicator's first visit to Brannockstown it was a pleasant surprise. The village enjoys a rural setting with many beautiful mature trees. Stone walls are a beautiful feature of the village. The village was well presented and on the evening of adjudication a number of people were observed on the Kilcullen road putting up baskets out of a tractor and trailer. Well done. The Cass report on the village which was submitted with your application was very detailed and very comprehensive. The adjudicator is not going to comment in detail on the plan as this is a job in itself. However most recommendations in the plan are in line with broad recommendations which would be made by the adjudicator. You must prioritise the tasks you as residents in the village feel are most important.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village has a number of older unique residences like the Gatelodge at Brannockstown Crossroads, Rose Cottage, and Peacock Cottage, which were much admired. The Post Office window lodge needed repainting and tubs or baskets would have brightened it up. Stone walls were much admired and their bases need to be kept weed free. The Baptist Church was very well maintained and provided an excellent presentation. The gates across from Brannockstown Crossroads needed weeding.

LANDSCAPING

The area at the Brannockstown Crossroads already has nice mature trees. This would be a good area to landscape and put seating at. Small beds, which included shrubs, would be a nice welcome to the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The abundance of natural hedgerow and mature trees provide an already existing habitat for many species. Perhaps a bird count could be initiated or the local school could identify species in the local environs. In time an area could be identified and dedicated to wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication litter control was extremely good. The people of Brannockstown obviously have pride in their village. Keep an eye on approach roads but well done on an excellent presentation under this heading.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. However, your committee will need to be constantly vigilant especially for weed growth.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses and residential areas were beautiful. Remind residents to keep wall and kerbs weed free and encourage them to be aware of any areas visible from the roadside. Ashleigh Wood was very impressive. The estate on the Kilcullen Road had no nameplate but was very pleasant. The boundary wall on the left could be planted with a climber.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads were in good condition and no areas were identified as a major concern. Be diligent in putting pressure on Kildare Co. Council regarding suggested footpaths. The wall from Sallinmount Stud to the crossroads was particularly admired.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Brannockstown is very favourable. Welcome back to the competition and good luck in future years.