

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **JOHNSTOWN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>230</b>

## **Johnstown, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Your comments regarding problems encountered have been noted. However, the village is very well presented and while progress brings its problems don't be too disheartened. Keep up your good work.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Johnstown Inn and Garden Centre are very well presented. The Kildare Kitchen and My New World are complimented on their presentations. Continue to put pressure on the absentee landlord. These are two fine houses and are in need of attention. The Church and Graveyard enjoy a lovely secluded location. Both are beautifully presented. The adjudicator compliments you on retaining the village pump. ADM Londis was also well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is some lovely landscaping here in Johnstown. The entrance off the N7 Dual Carriageway from Dublin is complimented by some lovely planting along a fence on the right hand side. Grass margins are well maintained in all areas. The entrance down to Johnstown Manor will be magnificent when the trees mature on the bend after the first set of houses. On the road out towards Punchestown there is a lovely mature estate (no nameplate but the wall is a little broken at the entrance). The mature trees at the roadside of this estate were complimented but the grass around the trees needs to be cut. The houses along the Main Street were lovely and so full of character. Seats & bins were complimented.

### **WLDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No doubt the mature trees and hedgerows are a habitat for many wild species. Are you aware of any? Perhaps a couple of gardens could be selected to host bird boxes in order to encourage others to have "bird friendly gardens". No doubt you do not have the resources to initiate a large-scale project under this heading but every little helps.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good on the day of adjudication. Are there any activities undertaken to prevent or collect up litter. Your recycling area at the back of Centra is noted and complimented.

### **TIDINESS**

There are no major problems under this heading. No doubt the corner area across from Centra on the way up to Johnstown Manor is soon to be developed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All residential areas were presented to a very high standard. The grass outside the wall of St. John's Grove needed to be cut.

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

The entrance road from the Dublin side of the dual carriageway down the Main Street needs attention – filling of potholes or resurfacing. Kerbs and footpaths along here need attention. There were no other problems under this heading.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The general impression of Johnstown is very favourable. Keep up the good work.

## **Second Adjudication (08/08/2002)**

In the village centre the grassed and landscaped areas looked well. The initial approach on the side road seemed to have been forgotten. Regrettably litter control was not so good on our second visit and one bin was broken. It is vital that the intrinsic charm of the original village be retained. We look forward to returning next year.