

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>205</b>

## **JOHNSTOWN BRIDGE, CO. KILDARE**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Your comments regarding development work have been noted and indeed much construction work was visible during adjudication. No doubt your location near Dublin makes you a desirable location for housing etc. Johnstown Bridge is a very busy village – are there any plans sought or in place relating to traffic calming for the village. It would be helpful to the adjudicator if a simple outline of your aims and activities were submitted.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church looks especially well and is beautifully maintained. The School is well presented but the boundary wall is in need of repainting. The Hamlet Pub was very well presented. The VG Foodmarket needed some attention. The little shed across from the entrance to the Bridgewell needs attention, perhaps a creeper could be sown along the wall and the gates repaired.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Well done on the inclusion of permanent planting under this heading. The landscaping at the village signs was admired. The entrance into Bridgewell is nice and will improve when the building is completed.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have not mentioned anything under this heading. It would be a good start if a small project was initiated (perhaps through the school) to identify local species and habitats and determine if any threats exist for local wildlife. Projects under this heading do not necessarily need to be huge. The most important element is to raise awareness and appreciation of your local environment among as many people as possible.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good on the day of adjudication. Please submit details of your activities under this heading with next year's application. Some litter was noted on the Donadea junction across from the pub.

### **TIDINESS**

Weed and grass growth detracted from the village under this heading. Encourage all residents to be aware of boundary areas and ensure that developers have their areas clean and tidy.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new residential areas are coming along nicely. There are many lovely residences along approach roads and on the main thoroughfare. The small estate (entrance across from Londis) was well presented although some boundary walls needed attention. There was no nameplate for this area. The house with the boundary wall along the right of the entrance was complimented for its beautiful garden display. The glebe is nicely landscaped and will also be lovely when completed.

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

Roads, streets and back areas were reasonably well presented considering the amount of construction taking place. The stonewalls are a nice feature at the Dunferth Park entrance to the village. They would be lovely if they were cleaned of weeds and grass. This could also be said of the wall on the Donadea Road. Some road signage was in need of cleaning or removal e.g. the golf sign pointing out the Donadea Road. Road surfaces will need attention when construction is completed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The general impression of Johnstown Bridge is very favourable. It is growing quite rapidly so do try to encourage all developments to be undertaken while keeping in line with the ambiance of the village. Well done on this year's presentation.