

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROBERTSTOWN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	22	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	172	--

ROBERTSTOWN, CO KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. Robertstown enjoys a beautiful location on the banks of the canal and has the potential to do very well in this competition. Your comments regarding a plan are noted and we look forward to receiving your details next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Canal Hotel presides over the Main Street and looks well on the day of adjudication. The derelict building at the T-junction in the centre of the village is a real eyesore. No doubt it will be developed at some point. The row of houses on the right from the bridge to the T-junction is well presented, as is the Barge Pub. The thatched premises on the opposite bank of the canal is much admired. The school is very well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The green area by the village pump has some lovely trees – this could be further developed. It is appreciated that as you are newly returned to the competition you are just finding your feet. Weeds and long grass are a problem at the moment and nameplates are needed on residential areas and streets.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No doubt the canal and its banks are a valuable habitat for wildlife. The adjudicator looks forward to details of proposed activities or projects under this heading next year.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite poor on the day of adjudication. Some litter is noted outside Mullaney's Pub and also in the Canal. Around the pump and across the road from here there is a serious amount of litter.

TIDINESS

The derelict building already mentioned detracts from the general tidiness of the village. Weeds and grass are also a problem. Ensure that all building materials are removed after use e.g. at the house whose railing starts across from the village pump.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residences are presented to a good standard. The houses on the Main Street and around towards Dowling's Pub are all well presented. The cottages around the green at the pump are also well maintained, but there is lots of litter in the green. The two red and white cottages across from the green were

admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main thoroughfare is in need of attention – filling of potholes or resurfacing. Speed appears to be a problem in the village – this might be taken into consideration when putting together your plan.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Robertstown is very favourable. The village has a lot of potential for tourism in terms of cruising, angling, walking and more. Good luck with the development and implementation of a development plan.