

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARDCLOUGH**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	28
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	175

Ardclough, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. Despite comments by the adjudicator last year regarding their problems finding your village, still this year no directions were included. Please remember that it is not the same adjudicator every year, so perhaps for next year you might forward directions along with your application form! There is very little information given on your application and no plan has been forwarded. It is therefore very difficult for the adjudicator to assess your activities and give marks accordingly. You are obviously an active committee as your village is very well presented. You might forward a brief summary of your activities and future plans with next year's application. This will help you gain marks and progress in the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, School, GAA Centre and Shop are all presented to a very high standard. Stonewalls were admired throughout.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping on the green area in front of the Church is beautiful. The trees and shrubs will give year round growth and the flowers add colour. The trees along the wall on the Celbridge Rd are coming along nicely and will provide a lovely entrance to the village in time.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are an abundance of mature trees and hedgerows around the village especially up behind the GAA Centre, providing a natural habitat for many species. The Canal is the same. Have you any plans under this heading?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on the day of adjudication. Please forward your activities regarding litter with next year's application.

TIDINESS

There were no problems under this heading. Be aware and diligent where weeds are concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas were highly maintained and many were beautifully presented. There is no nameplate on the area inside the stonewall on the Celbridge Rd (the adjudicator presumes this to be a residential area). The landscaping around Wheatfield Upper is complimented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Celbridge Road approach is lovely on the left hand side along the wall. But the right hand side (approaching Ardclough) is a real eyesore. Are there plans for this area? Also the road over the bridge on the GAA Centre road needs to be resurfaced. This is a dreadfully dangerous junction – have any enquiries been made regarding action that could be taken in this area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Ardclough is extremely favourable. The village has huge potential to do very well in this competition. Many areas are already doing well. The walks along the canal could be incorporated into the village with signage and maintenance and a wildlife project could be initiated through the school. Once enquiries were made to find out how to get here the visit was a thoroughly pleasant one.