

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bridgetown**

Ref: **53**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **199**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>193</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The Committee of four is to be congratulated on all the work undertaken in Bridgetown. Thank you for the well completed entry form, five year plan and map which were helpful on the day. In regard to the five year plan you should list the projects you intend to undertake, including ongoing maintenance of projects already in place and put a target date on each of these in order to focus your work.

Bridgetown is a village that is part of the Clare Way walking route and also on Sarsfields Ride and so needs to look its best at all times and indeed was looking very well on the day of adjudication.

## **The Built Environment:**

The two Public Houses were very well presented, as indeed was the School. The Church, which is central to Bridgetown, needed to be painted, including the surround walls. The surround walls also need to be painted at Annabawn Co-Op.

## **Landscaping:**

In the category of landscaping Bridgetown comes to the fore. The large planted green area in the centre of the village is exceptional and no doubt enjoyed by the walkers who pass through. Picnic tables should prove popular here. The trees planted around the green are maturing nicely and should add character to the village in the years ahead. The two good planted containers were noted at the gateway above the Slieve Bearnagh Pub but this gateway needed to have weeds cleared away and sprayed earlier in the year. The cemetery was well maintained. The large planted area on the approach roads was admired.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The planting contributes under this category and we note that ducks come to the river in the summer.

## **Litter Control:**

There was virtually no litter to be seen in the village on the day of adjudication – well done.

## **Tidiness:**

Whilst overall the village presented a tidy appearance there was quite an amount of kerb side weeds to be seen throughout.

## **Residential Areas:**

Private houses, with a few exceptions were contributing to the tidy towns effort and the well landscaped entrance to the Riverdale estate was noted. It was also noted that there was a new wall around the house previously mentioned as needing attention. Hopefully, this progress will continue.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Whilst the O'Brien's Bridge and Broadford approach roads had been resurfaced, there were some rough roadside verges throughout the village. Also a number of directional signs needed to be cleaned.

## **General Impression:**

A very pleasant residential village which could progress further in the competition with some attention to detail and the involvement of everyone in the community.

