

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Newmarket-On-Fergus**

Ref: **57**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **207**

Category: **C**

Date: **18/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	27
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	29
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	207	204

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for well completed entry form and map. Because of the by-pass Newmarket-on-Fergus is no longer on the main Ennis/Galway road with all the associated traffic problems; this gives the town an opportunity to further develop its character in the years ahead. In this regard it would be good if a three year plan were developed for the town. As previously mentioned, production of such a plan is now expected with each Tidy Towns entry and we look forward to receipt of same next year when, no doubt, the ongoing work being undertaken by the NRA will have been completed.

The Built Environment:

The School, the Church and a number of business premises including Varden's Pharmacy and the Sports Bar in the Square were very well presented in the town. A good use of colour was to be seen throughout. However, there still some derelict buildings needing attention. It was noticed that the

attractive Rose Cottage business premises on the Ennis road was for sale. It would be hoped that the new owners would maintain the pleasant gardens developed at these premises.

Landscaping:

The commitment to landscaping and the continued maintenance of same was noted and admired. The maintenance of 13 acres of lawns and flowerbeds is a huge task and all were looking well on the day of adjudication with the grass being mown in some areas. The ongoing work in the river side Park was also noted. The litter bins used as flower containers on the Ennis road have been changed to stone containers and this is more appropriate.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The planting undertaken throughout contributes in this section and it was also noted that the bird tables and feeders were replaced in the riverside park.

Litter Control:

The town showed very little traces of litter on the day of adjudication. Obviously the extra bins and additional workers are helping to combat litter. The contact with Schools re litter awareness is also paying off. Well done.

Tidiness:

Newmarket-on-Fergus presented a very tidy aspect with no kerbside weeds or walls with ivy in evidence.

Residential Areas:

Most private residences on the outskirts and in the town are contributing to the tidy towns effort.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road markings, probably because of the ongoing work, were quite poor throughout. However, signage was of a quite high standard.

General Impression:

Newmarket –on- Fergus is at present in a state of transition, which presents new challenges and opportunities for the Tidy Towns Committee. On past evidence the Committee will face such challenges in the future and go on to achieve their aims.