

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ardclough**

Ref: **667**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **183**

Category: **B**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>181</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that includes a map and a schedule of work completed this year. Your submission should also include a brief long-term plan. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require.

Membership of the group is very impressive and they have worked closely with other community organisations and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Ardclough is a small chapel-type village laid out near the banks of the Grand Canal, most of which dates from the 20th century. The church is very attractive and it is located in a key position overlooking the delightful village green. This building could benefit from repainting. The stone walling at the bridge is an important feature of the village environment. The new stone front boundary wall of the GAA reflects this significance.

### Landscaping:

The landscape around the village is excellent. The Tidy Towns group have developed this feature by new tree planting around the village and by hedge trimming. These works, combined with the on-going maintenance, has resulted in a very fine presentation.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As previously pointed, out the environment around the village is ideal for the initiation of a nature project.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the village was generally good and only isolated instances of litter were observed near the green and the canal.

### **Tidiness:**

The village generally looked clean, tidy and attractive. There is little you can do with the derelict cottage. It is quite acceptable as long as it is kept clean and tidy. The village could benefit from a weed control management. Excessive weeds were noticed along the approach roads and around the canal areas.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas are generally neat and tidy with well-maintained houses, attractive gardens, stone walling, and good landscaping.

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

The approach roads to the village looked well, with well-managed stone walling, hedges, trees, and trimmed verges.

### **General Impression:**

The village looked very neat and attractive. This is due to the work of the District Development Council and the community.