

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bridgetown**

Ref: **470**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	32	30
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>199</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for well completed entry form and map. Your Committee of four obviously work hard to ensure that Bridgetown looks well and continues to improve. We note that you work in co-operation with Clare County Council and FAS – this partnership approach is the way to achieve your aims. Well done on entering the Clare County Council “Clare in Bloom” competition.

### The Built Environment:

The village presented a cared for appearance and the painting of the Church and the surround walls at Annabawn Co-op certainly contributed to this result. Tony’s Pub and surrounds were also looking very well. However, the large sign (leaning over) at the Texaco Filling Station was a little intrusive – could a more discreet sign be used here, in view of the size and character of the village. Also, at the School the boundary walls and gates needed to be painted.

### Landscaping:

The uniqueness of Bridgetown is the landscaped green area in the centre of the village. This did not disappoint this year as it again looked really wonderful. We were sorry to see from the entry form that you had some trouble with vandals at the riverside – this is very disheartening but the only way to counteract vandalism such as this is to continue the good work. The planted flower tubs and hanging baskets in various locations were admired for the lovely colour combinations and the interest provided through varying the height of plants used. Other areas of landscaping such as the avenue of mature trees on the old road to Killaloe; the good maintenance of grounds at the cemetery and the planting at the bank on the road to O'Brien's Bridge add to the pleasure of visiting Bridgetown.

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

You might consider undertaking a specific project under this heading, perhaps in conjunction with the School.

### **Litter Control:**

There was no litter to be seen on the day around the village – well done to all concerned.

### **Tidiness:**

The village mostly had a neat and tidy appearance except for kerbside weeds in a number of areas. It was noted that the untidy gateway to the old estate had been improved. However, we would suggest that all areas where weeds are prevalent should be sprayed in May, after removing any weeds in place at that time.

### **Residential Areas:**

Ninety per cent of houses in and around Bridgetown contribute to the Tidy Towns effort. However, you do have one continuing problem property, which again was looking very poor, with a large hole in the front window. Every village has problems such as this and you will only have to work around same and hope that the situation improves in the future.

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

Approach roads were well trimmed and signage was well presented in the main with a couple of exceptions. Road verges were rough in a number of places.

### **General Impression:**

Bridgetown is a very special village and deserves to reach it's full potential. We wish you well in the future.

