

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bridgetown**

Ref: **45**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **211**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Bridgetown Tidy Towns Association is most welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2005 and thank you for your detailed map and notes which were most useful. Your committee of five is obviously working well to improve your village, in cooperation with the community, FAS and Clare County Council.

The Built Environment:

The School was looking very good with its new paint work, as was Tony's Bar. The Cemetery was also well maintained. However, the Church and Shrine need repainting. Arrabawn Co-op should also be encouraged to paint their premises.

Landscaping:

The Village Green with its raised flower beds, leafy trees, well maintained grass, encouraged one to stop and rest awhile. Would suggest the planting of a small grove of, say, Silver Birch, the white barks of which would contrast nicely with the other foliage on the green. The garden at the Shrine was well presented. Difficult to judge the landscaped bank opposite the graveyard as was being trimmed at the time.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside area was lush with vegetation, but the ducks were either hiding or perhaps the pinemartin has done his deed? The hedgerows could be improved by the introduction of more wild flowers such as honeysuckle, marguerite daisies, foxgloves.

Litter Control:

The village was mainly litter free, except in front of Tony's Bar. Would suggest the placement of a litter bin there as the use of the flower pot as a litter receptacle is not working.

Tidiness:

The village was looking neat and tidy, with the exception of all the industrial-sized fertilizer bags outside the Arrabawn Co-op. On the day of adjudication the village green was being mown and the bank shrubbery being tended, as already mentioned. There are also a few farm outhouse buildings/walls that need painting/attention.

Residential Areas:

Generally the dwellings in the village are very well maintained, with the one notable exception. We hope that you will find a solution to this problem in the near future. The Clonbeg Estate was well presented and Riverdale was in a pristine state.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signs on all approach roads were good, as were the roads. The road verges were quite tidy.

General Impression:

The village of Bridgetown is looking good. Keep up the good work. We wish you well for the future.