

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Newbridge-Galway**

Ref: **737**

County: **Galway**

Mark: **168**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	30	23
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>159</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your comprehensive entry form, for the useful map and for the note about your plans for the next three years. The latter had a somewhat negative tone, emphasising difficulties about lack of access to the riverside and to other lands adjacent to the village. These may indeed be inhibiting factors, but the small village was looking very well on the date of adjudication, and maintenance of the buildings and surroundings continued to be impressive.

### The Built Environment:

The Church was looking very smart with its fresh paint and in its pleasant surroundings. The Community Hall was also well presented. The run of houses on the Ballygar side, with the exception of one which appeared to be vacant, were as neat as one might wish. Your notes stated that the Public House had been extended - certainly whatever was new blends very well with whatever was existing before renovation.

### Landscaping:

The bright flowerbeds looked most attractive in mid-July. The grassed space opposite the house on the Ballygar road was trim. Consider more planting of shrubs and evergreens, which need little upkeep and give year-round satisfaction. Planting in the vicinity of the Church was particularly

admired.

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

The old timber surrounding the village is splendid. The copper beech opposite the main houses is wonderfully eye-catching. Do continue with your tree-planting programme so that future generations can continue to enjoy the sylvan setting in the way in which we enjoy what has been bequeathed to us. Your idea reported by last year's adjudicator for the production of a poster showing the birds of the neighbourhood should be acted upon, or better still a glazed information board in a prominent position, as has been done in other villages with help either from the county council or the local school. Be sure to involve children in wild-life conservation projects.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control Litter control was very good. Congratulations

### **Tidiness:**

The village was really quite tidy, except for the derelict house referred to above. If the problem persists, you should report it to the County Council which has powers to deal with dereliction. It is expected that fields adjoining the village should be kept up to the best agricultural standards.

### **Residential Areas:**

The village being very small there are naturally very few houses. All residents make most of their homes. Some have pretty roadside gardens which enhance the scene. A fine country house opposite Cunningham's was particularly noted.

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

Roads, Streets and Back Areas Road surfaces were good. The bridge is a splendid example of its kind.

### **General Impression:**

Newbridge is a pleasant and well kept village, the kind of place one would like to spend more time in. Do not be disheartened by the problems described - what you are doing is surely appreciated.