

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Newcestown** Ref: **687**  
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **252**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **21/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>252</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Newcestown is welcome to the Tidy Towns 2007. Thank you for your comprehensive entry form and map, which were of great assistance to the adjudicator. You seem to have overcome the difficulties sites in previous years regarding interest from volunteers – a committee of 16 is very impressive considering the size of Newcestown! It is also good to see that the local flower club supports you and that you are beginning to liaise with the County Council regarding grants.

### The Built Environment:

The Church refurbishment is the main priority in Newcestown and was in magnificent order on the day of adjudication. The Church boundary wall was well painted and the grotto, too, was greatly admired. O'Mahony's is prominently located in the village and it looked well. The work at the pitch and putt club was worth the wait, as it was looking immaculate. The shop, Post Office and school were well presented. The old ball court still remains a problem and detracts from the overall impression of Newcestown.

### Landscaping:

The 'Fáilte' hedge was admired on the Enniskeane road as were a series of incidental landscaped areas throughout the village featuring bedding plants and shrubbery. A planted wheelbarrow was spotted at O'Mahony's.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You are commended on your work to keep the waterway clean. Perhaps this is where the school could be of assistance maybe by developing a wild flower garden, conducting a survey of flora and fauna in hedgerows etc. Given the rural location of Newcestown the natural surrounds are awash with wildlife and there is a huge

opportunity to improve marks in this section in the years to come.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control is good in Newcestown and it is apparent that the assistance of school children and teachers has certainly helped the Tidy Towns Committee. A few stray pieces were noted on the outskirts of the village. Your participation in the Anti-Litter League is a good way to keep the troops motivated!

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The bottle bank was noted adjacent to the Parish Hall and this is, no doubt, an invaluable amenity for the village. Do you segregate waste from your litter pick-ups? The group should also consider composting from cuttings in public areas as well as promoting it to households!

#### **Tidiness:**

The stonewalls at new residences in Newcestown provide a neat threshold to sites at various locations. Attention is required as mentioned previously at the ball court, as this is the main problem area. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator the wall of the GAA grounds and the parish hall require attention and perhaps this could be the next projects after the completion of the Church? The wooden sign at the Post Office should also be restored or replaced.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Newcestown has many new residences, which are still undergoing landscaping etc, and their completion will add to the appearance of the village. Stonewalls were admired as were a number of impressive gardens. Bronte, in particular looked fantastic on the day of adjudication.

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

Newcestown was well presented and given the relatively large area of the village and numerous approach roads the standard was good. Roads had been resurfaced recently and this added to a clean fresh look as did the new footpath.

#### **General Impression:**

Newcestown is a pleasant village with excellent sporting facilities for a village of its size. There is room for improvement but bringing on board new residences with energy will help keep your committee reinvigorated into the future. Keep up the good work!