



## Celbridge – Bronze Medal Winners 2013

# Celbridge Tidy Towns Annual Awards 2013

### Best Floral display:

- 1st Castletown Inn
- 2nd Abbey Lodge
- 3rd Centra

### Best Business/Shop Front:

- 1st Michelangelo Restaurant
- 2nd Miriam Porter Optician
- 3rd Absolutely Fabulous flowers

### Best New Entry:

- Molloys Ice Cream/Sweet Shop

### Artistic Endeavour Awards:

- Saint Patrick's Church
- Colortrend Paint Factory

### Best Large Estates:

- 1st: Abbey Farm
- 2nd: Primrose Gate
- 3rd: Wolstan Abbey

### Best Medium Estates:

- 1st: Ballygoran View & Court
- 2nd: Temple Manor
- 3rd: Celbridge Abbey

### Best Small Estates:

- 1st: Killadoon Park
- 2nd: Grattan Court
- 3rd: Simmonstown Manor

\*\*\*\*\* Overall Best Estate – Abbey Farm \*\*\*\*\*

## **Large Estates Reviews**

This year we found an improvement all round - perhaps the good weather helped. On the days of our visits we were really impressed by the lack of litter in evidence everywhere.

### **ABBEY FARM**

There is a very attractive floral and shrub display at the entrance that is very well maintained. The green areas are of a very high standard with gardens and individual houses all in excellent shape. The 'Caution' sign on the main drive could do with a freshening up. The area by the river is a pleasure to see. The variety of trees throughout and the uniform boundary wall set the estate off. Well done to all concerned who maintain and present this large estate to such a high standard.

### **BALLYMAKEALY/SPRINGFIELD**

There is a beautiful floral presentation at the entrance and the entrance area to the right is maintained to a high standard. Throughout the estate the grass and shrubbery areas could do with more attention. Houses at lower end of the estate were well maintained. More road signage would help the overall appearance of the estate.

### **SAINT RAPHAELS MANOR**

The Clane Road entrance could benefit from a more colourful presentation. The green areas are well maintained and the trees are maturing well and add to the overall impression of the estate. Some boundary walls could do with re-painting. A little graffiti in evidence. Simple but effective floral display at Shackelton Road entrance. Well done to all involved.

## **OLDTOWN MILL**

The overall impression of this very large estate is of a well maintained and cared for place. The trees are adding to the maturity of the place. There is a wide variety of housing types and all are well cared for. There is a little graffiti at the top end. The green areas and verges are in excellent condition. Well done to all.

## **WOOLSTAN HAVEN**

This estate would really benefit from a few floral and shrub displays at the entrance areas and communal areas. The green areas and verges are kept to a high standard as are the individual houses. A pleasant variety of trees adds to the overall pleasant appearance.

## **CASTLE VILLAGE**

There are a wide variety of house types in this estate and they are well-maintained as are the green areas and grass verges. The trees are maturing nicely and there was only one small instance of graffiti in evidence. A few colourful flower and shrub beds would really give this estate a lift.

## **BEATTY PARK**

There is a lovely inviting floral display at the estate entrance. There is a pleasant variety of house types and boundary walls. The trees are maturing nicely and the grass verges are reasonably well maintained. The estate is tidy, neat and litter/graffiti free. Perhaps a few more flower beds at the focal points in the estate would really add to the overall appearance.

## **CASTLETOWN**

The north entrance is very pleasant with the floral display and signage. The estate is maturing well and the grass verges are generally well-maintained. Most houses are kept to a high standard and the estate has a mature and established appearance. There was some evidence of graffiti. Perhaps more floral displays at the focal points would add to the overall colour of the estate.

## **CRODAUN FOREST PARK**

The entrance to the main section of the state would really benefit from some colour and shrubbery. The green areas and verges are well maintained. There was some evidence of litter on the day we visited. The section of the estate closer to the village is really well maintained in particular the areas beside the stream.

## **THE GROVE**

The greens and grass verges are neat and well maintained. The estate is maturing nicely and the variety of trees add to this. The very top green is in good condition though maybe a group of trees/shrubs would break its uniformity and give a focal point to this pleasant area. We were very impressed by the overall impression of the second road on the left as we entered the estate, Perhaps a few flower beds at focal points throughout would life the whole estate.

## **ST PATRICKS PARK**

The green areas are well-maintained and individual houses are well kept. There is a beautiful floral display at the top entrance which really lifts the whole area. We saw no graffiti and only a little litter at the village end. A few more floral/shrub displays would really add colour to this maturing estate.

## **HAZELHATCH PARK**

As always this estate is maintained to a very high standard with wonderful green areas and neat grass verges. There was no evidence of litter or graffiti and the boundary walls are neat and uniform. A few well positioned flower and shrub beds would add more variety and colour to this excellent estate.

## **WOOLSTAN ABBEY**

There is a high standard of maintenance and care taken of this pleasantly maturing estate. The uniformity and colour of the brick add to the very pleasing aspect of the estate as does the floral displays. We were very impressed by one 5 bedroom, cul-de-sac which showed great community pride in its appearance and colour. There was a little litter in parts of the estate on the day we visited but overall one would have to be very impressed by Woolstan Abbey.

## **PRIMROSE GATE**

As always we noted the immaculate condition of the green areas and the grass verges and the wide variety of house types. There are delightful clusters of shrubbery that add to the colour and variety of the overall appearance. The signage is excellent and great praise is due to residents and estate management.

<b>Large Estates</b>	<b>Gen App</b>	<b>Pres GV/OS</b>	<b>Gard&amp;Prem</b>	<b>AOL</b>	<b>Total</b>
Abbey Farm	23	22	22	22	<b>89</b>
Ballymakealy/Springfield	17	15	18	18	68
Beatty Park	19	19	19	19	76
Castle Village	19	19	19	19	76
Castletown	19	19	19	19	76
Crodaun Forest Park	19	20	19	18	74
Hazelhatch Park	19	20	18	20	77
Oldtown Mill	20	20	20	18	78
Primrose Gate	22	21	21	22	<b>86</b>
Raphael's Manor	19	19	19	20	77
St. Patrick's Park	18	18	18	18	72
The Grove	19	19	19	19	76
Wolstan Abbey	22	20	22	18	<b>82</b>
Wolstan Haven	19	19	19	19	76

Gen App:	General Appearance
Pres GV/OS	Presentation of Grass Verges/Open Spaces
Gard&Prem	Garden and Premises
AOL	Absence of Litter

## **Medium Estates**

### **Ballygoran View/ Court:**

**88.75**

A very impressive presentation again this year. Shrubbery attended to and looking well. Some littering evident on day of judging and a couple of grass verges needed attention.

### **Beatty Grove**

**80**

Entrance still well maintained and looking good. Evidence of graffiti removal on back wall, however situation would be improved by painting. One corner site needs attention to over grown weeds and grass. Few other grass verges needed attention.

### **Celbridge Abbey**

**87**

This is a lovely estate and well maintained. Planting in cul -de - sac still admired, however one cul-de-sac which ends with a wall needs attention due to over grown grass and weeds at kerb. Some other grass verges needed attention.

### **Dara Court:**

**74**

Judge was impressed with evident improvements to this estate. However kerbside weeds were still evident and some litter was present. The wall mentioned last year would benefit from bricks replaced and capping on top.

### **Temple Manor:**

**88**

Estate still well presented and maintained. At time of judging a number of shrubs in the open spaces were in need of attention and took away from the overall impression. Some litter was noted.

### **Thornhill Gardens.**

**71**

This year Thornhill Gardens was judged on its own. Entrance sign improved on last year. Watch out for nasturtiums which tend to grow very profusely and can obliterate the sign. One corner section had overgrown grass and weeds at kerbs. Several walls could do with painting. Some litter was evident.

**Thornhill Heights:****64**

This year this estate judged on its own. Flower boxes at entrance needed fresh planting. A lot of weeds at the kerbsides were noted. One corner site in particular needed attention. Some litter evident.

**Thornhill Meadows:****76.5**

Well done on the beautiful planting at entrance sign and the flower boxes now filled. Some weeds at kerbs, in particular at one corner site. Some litter present at time of judging.

**Vanessa Lawns:****63**

Section of this estate by Shackleton Rd is excellently maintained. Some improvement on last year was evident in remainder of the estate. However, much work needs to be done with regard to grass verges, weeds, open space and stream.

**Willowbrook Lawns:****55**

It is disappointing to note there has been no improvement from last year to this estate. Kerbs and grass verges still need attention. Flower containers are still unplanted and overgrown with weeds. Graffiti was evident and some littering.

**Willowbrook Park/Grove:****58**

Entrance to Park looks well; however the appearance deteriorates due to graffiti on wall on right hand side. A lot of work needed to improve grass verges and weeds at kerbs. A small area where there are bungalows needs a lot of attention. The entrance to the Grove is poor and there are a lot of weeds at the kerbs. The green space is not edged and takes from it. Some tubs were planted.

**Callenders Mill:****81.5**

This estate continues to be well presented. Attention to litter control still needed to portion of estate across the road.

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Ballygoran View/Court	23	22.25	22.5	21	88.75	1st
Beatty Grove	19	17	20	24	80	5th
Celbridge Abbey	21	21	22	23	87	3rd
Dara Court	17	17	18	22	74	7th
Callenders Mills	18.5	22	21	20	81.5	4th
Temple Manor	22	22	20	24	88	2nd
Thornhill Gardens	16	15	17	23	71	8th
Thornhill Heights	14	12	16	22	64	9th
Thornhill Meadows	17	17	20	22.5	76.5	6th
Vanessa Lawns	14	12.5	15.5	21	63	10th
Willowbrook Grove/Park	13	10	12.5	22.5	58	11th
Willowbrook Lawns	12.5	10	12.5	20	55	12th

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<b>Gard&amp;Prem</b>	Garden and Premises
<b>AOL</b>	Absence of litter

## **Small Estates**

### **Ashgrove:**

**76 points**

Gardens and green spaces were well maintained but grass verges need cutting back. Lots of weeds on roadside kerbs. Small amount of litter.

### **Ashleigh Court:**

**57 points**

The wall on left of entrance could do with some planting. There was no sign of weeds or litter on day of judging.

### **Chelmsford:**

**76 points**

Green spaces look good. Some weeds along roadsides and some graffiti on long wall on left of drive into estate. Some planting would improve the appearance.

### **Chestnut Grove:**

**65 points**

Green space at front of estate well kept. Weeds were present in the estate and work needs to be done on these. Some gardens could do with improvement.

### **Elm Park:**

**72 points**

The green space at back of estate is well maintained. A lot of work is needed on the shrubbery at the entrance of the estate. Garden shrubs overhanging pathways need to be cut back. Some weeds on roadside kerb.

### **Grattan Court:**

**86 points**

The estate looks well presented with green spaces and gardens in good order. Some weeds were evident on roadside at entrance.

### **Hawthorn View:**

**74 points**

There was a lot of graffiti and weeds at the main entrance and this needs attention. There was also small amount of litter present. Houses and gardens looked well. Green open space was well maintained.

### **Killadoon Park:**

**87 points**

Recommendations from last year's report have been carried out with the ivy removed from the boundary wall. Gardens and green spaces well maintained. No litter or weeds. Estate looks very well.

**Larkfield Mews:** **62 points**

Shrub beds at entrance had been pruned on day of judging but some colour planting would enhance the appearance. Lots of weeds on roadside.

**Little Grove:** **80 points**

The estate looked very well with no evidence of weeds or litter. Houses and gardens well maintained. A flower bed at the entrance would add a bit of needed colour.

**Oakleigh:** **69 points**

This estate looked well on day of judging. Open spaces well maintained but some grass verges need attention.

**Simmonstown Manor:** **85 Points**

This estate was well maintained and looked good on day of judging. Open spaces were well kept, however there were a few weeds to be seen on the roadside.

**Simmonstown Park:** **84 points**

The green open space looked good and was well maintained. Houses and gardens well kept. However, there were some weeds on roadside which took away from the appearance.

**Temple Lawns and Primrose Hill:** **76 points**

There was no litter in this estate but there were some weeds that need attention. Flower beds on corners of green looked well but grass verges need to be trimmed back. Some trees would benefit from being pruned at the bottom.

**Vanessa Close:** **54 points**

The stream and the adjacent green area require attention. Graffiti, litter and weeds were evident in the estate.

**Whitethorn:** **57 points**

There were a lot of weeds on the roadside in this small estate but no litter was seen on day of judging. A bit of planting on the wall at the entrance would look well and add a bit of colour.

**1st Killadoon Park 87 points**

**2nd Grattan Court 86 points**

**3rd Simmonstown Manor 85 points**

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Simmonstown Manor	22	20	21	22	85
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| 1. Abbey Farm             | 16. Ashgrove            | 31. Elm Park          |
| 2. St Raphaels Manor      | 17. Willowbrook Lodge   | 32. St Patricks Park  |
| 3. Celbridge Abbey        | 18. Willowbrook Park    | 33. Vanessa Close     |
| 4. Ballymakealy           | 19. Willowbrook Grove   | 34. The Grove         |
| 5. Oakleigh               | 20. Willowbrook Lawns   | 35. Simmonstown Manor |
| 6. Grattan Court          | 21. Whitethorn          | 36. Temple Manor      |
| 7. Kiladoon Park          | 22. Beatty park         | 37. Chelmsford        |
| 8. Oldtown Mill           | 23. Beatty Grove        | 38. The Little Grove  |
| 9. Wolstan Haven          | 24. Crodaun Forest Park | 39. Primrose Hill     |
| 10. Vanessa Lawns         | 25. Hawthorn View       | 40. Temple Lawns      |
| 11. Thornhill Heights     | 26. Chesnut Grove       | 41. Simmonstown Park  |
| 12. Thornhill Gardens     | 27. Larkfield Mews      | 42. Hazelhatch Park   |
| 13. Ballygoran Court/View | 28. Ashleigh Court      | 43. Callenders Mill   |
| 14. Thornhill Meadows     | 29. Castletown Estate   | 44. Primrose Gate     |
| 15. Castle Village        | 30. Dara Court          | 45. Wolstan Abbey     |
| 46. Thornhill Court       | 47. Hazelwood           | 48. Primrose Village  |

