

Celbridge Tidy Towns. Annual Awards 2016.

Best Commercial Floral Display:

1. Abbey Lodge
2. Castletown Inn
3. The Mill

Highly Commended:

1. Centra
2. Hibernian House
3. Liffey View Physiotherapy.

Best Commercial Premises:

1. The Duck
2. Michelangelo
3. Walsh's Pharmacy

Highly Commended:

- Castletown Pharmacy
- *DaMario*
- SHINE Haircare
- Young's Butchers.

Best New Entry:

- Canteen
- Food Route.

Artistic Merit Award:

- ABsolutely FABulous Flowers.
- St Patrick's Church Floral Committee.

Best Estates Awards:

Large Estates:

1. Primrose Gate
2. St. Wolstan's Abbey
3. Abbey Farm

Medium Estates:

1. Celbridge Abbey
2. Temple Manor
3. Joint 3rd - Beatty Grove & Ballygoran View/Court.

Small Estates:

1. The Little Grove
2. Joint 2nd - Grattan Court & Killadoon Park
3. Simmonstown Park.

Overall Best Estates Winner:
Primrose Gate.

Large Estates Comments 2016.

Abbey Farm.

This estate was as usual in pristine condition. We noticed how the areas underneath many of the trees had been cleared and this had a positive effect on the surrounding verges etc. The Greens and the individual houses are all of a very high standard. The area leading down to the river was a joy to behold. This estate is maturing gracefully and as usual litter was almost non-existent. Well done all.

Ballymakealy/Springfield.

This estate was not in as good condition this year on the day we visited as it had been when we visited, in previous years, the entrance flowerbed looked neglected and the greens and verges were not maintained to the standards of our previous visits sadly also we encountered quite a bit of litter. There were however some areas where the effort of residents to maintain their areas was quite evident. Hopefully residents and the Council, will put together a strategy to improve and maintain the appearance of the estate.

St. Raphaels Manor.

We were very impressed by the main entrance area from the Clane Road. It is obvious that a lot of effort has gone into this beautiful display. Well done to all involved. This is a very large and varied estate but it was almost litter free on the day of our visit and the green areas are maintained to a very high standard. There is a broken wall on Raphael's Avenue which takes away a little from the overall appearance of the area and sadly the capping have been removed from some of the pillars on the Shackelton Road. The overall condition of the estate is very good and the efforts of residents to enhance their estate is clearly evident.

Oldtown Mill.

This large estate is maintained to a very high standard and the area in the vicinity of The Crescent is of a particularly high standard. Graffiti evident at the top end of the estate, which we saw on previous visits has been removed. There was almost no litter to be seen and the overall appearance is very pleasing and this could be improved upon perhaps with the addition of some more colour ?

Wolstan Haven.

This estate could be so much more attractive to residents and visitors if there were some more flower beds and features to add character to the estate. On the day of our visit there were a lot of old leaves on the road in the area of The Close but generally it was litter free. The trees are maturing well and it is our belief that residents could upgrade this handsome estate with a little coordinated effort.

Castle Village.

We found this estate to be much improved on since our last visits. The greens and verges were in very good condition and it was almost litter free. Some of the street signs are in need of replacement or of cleaning and as we mentioned before a few more areas of

colour would really lift the estate, Overall however there has been a considerable improvement in the general appearance of the area. Well done.

Beatty Park.

The entrance area is really attractive and is a great improvement. Well done to all involved. We loved the way the bases of many of the treated been cleared and the general appearance of the estate has definitely improved considerably. There was little litter in evidence and again a little more colour would add to the pleasing character of the estate.

Castletown.

What lovely entrances there are to the estate and the top one in particular is so very colourful. The overall appearance of the estate is of a very high standard and the efforts of residents is very obvious. We noticed some graffiti near Woodview but overall it was almost litter free on the day of our visit. The grass verges are maintained to a high standard. Well done all.

Crodaun Forest Park.

As in previous years we were highly impressed by the section of the estate beside the river at the first entrance. It is a beautifully maintained and colourful area. The greater part of the estate accessed through the second entrance has certainly been upgraded since last year and is now of a high standard with verges and greens all well maintained. Well done to all involved and perhaps consider adding more areas of colour throughout the estate.

The Grove.

The entrance area to the estate has been much improved and it gives a very positive first impression to visitors and residents alike. Much of the estate is maintained to a very high standard but the big green at the top of the estate offers a challenge due to its size. If this area was tackled by residents it could become much more pleasing to the eye as well as being a practical recreational area. (Perhaps Council funding for an upgrade could be sought?) Well done on all the recent improvement work.

St Patricks Park.

The new flower beds etc. at the Oldtown Road entrance are really impressive and it gives a great first impression. We also felt that the green areas were much improved on previous years. There was almost no litter to be seen and many of the corner areas were well maintained. Well done on all recent improvement work.

Hazelhatch Park.

On the day of our visit this year we felt that the estate was not quite as good as in previous years. There was a lot of grass and weeds to be seen in the road edges and verges and quite a bit of litter. Perhaps we came on a bad day as this estate has always in the past reached high standards.

St. Wolstan's Abbey.

This estate always impresses and this year we particularly liked the area around The View. We did spot some graffiti on an ESB box close to the Playschool and there was a small amount of litter in evidence in parts but overall the general appearance of the estate and the individual houses and apartments, is of a very high standard. Well done all.

Primrose Gate.

This is a very large and varied estate, and it even includes a small shopping precinct, and yet it is always maintained to the very highest standards. We truly admired the excellent green areas and verges and the very high standards of individual houses and gardens. These high standards are obviously the result of a great pride in their estate by residents and maintenance contractors. You have good reason to be proud indeed.

Large Estates	Gen App	Pres GV/OS	Gard&Prem	AOL	Total
Abbey Farm	21	21	22	22	86
Ballymakealy/Springfield	15	15	20	18	68
Beatty Park	21	21	20	21	83
Castle Village	20	20	20	20	80
Castletown	21	21	20	21	83
Crodaun Forest Park	21	22	19	21	83
Hazelhatch Park	20	21	20	20	81
Oldtown Mill	21	22	20	21	84
Primrose Gate	23	22	21	22	88
Raphael's Manor	21	21	20	22	84
St. Patrick's Park	20	22	20	20	82
The Grove	22	21	20	21	84
St Wolstan's Abbey	23	23	21	20	87
Wolstan Haven	19	19	20	20	78
Gen App:	General Apperance				
Pres GV/OS	Presentation of Grass Verges/Opens Spaces				
Gard&Prem	Garden and Premises				
AOL	Absence of litter				

Medium Estates Comments 2016.

Ballygoran View/Court:

Sign at entrance is obscured by fuchsia and entrance verge along Main Road needs attention. "Children at play" sign needs cleaning. Large shrubbery on left looks very well, however it is marred by the dumping of trees and vegetation alongside. Also adjoining alleyway needs attention. Central greens very impressive and most houses and gardens beautifully maintained. Some litter observed at time of judging.

Beatty Grove:

All open spaces and most cul-de-sacs beautifully kept. Weeds at kerbs and base of walls need

attention. Some of the corner sites are still unkempt. The back wall would benefit from painting. Many beautiful houses and gardens throughout the estate.

Callenders Mills:

Entrance shrubbery and broken fence still need attention. Also fences in row 3 badly need repair. Green areas and surrounding kerbs were well maintained but weeds under pylon were noted. Most houses and gardens well maintained. Some litter.

Celbridge Abbey:

Matching entrance flower beds/shrubbery redone and looking very tasteful. Previously mentioned cul-de-sac weed and litter free. However last houses in this cul-de-sac need to pay attention to their verges. No litter noted. Well done!

Dara Court:

Cill Dara Close perfectly maintained. Entrance wall to the Crescent needs painting. Broken fence at end of green here was noted and weeds at kerbs. In the main section of the estate some weeds at kerbs and untidy verges noted. Green very well maintained. Some lovely houses and well maintained gardens.

Temple Manor:

Beautiful entrance with begonias. Ivy gone on roadside boundary wall, well done. However the space from which the ivy grows needs weeding and planting. "Slow down" sign dirty. One shrubbery needs maintenance. In some roads weeds were growing at kerbs and some litter was observed in shrubbery and on roads.

Thornhill Gardens:

Green open space at entrance looks very well as usual. Flower boxes nicely planted, one or two need trimming. Lavatera is somewhat obscuring entrance sign. A lot of houses were beautifully maintained, but a number were badly in need of maintenance. Some verges on corners need attention and alleyways would benefit from a clean-up.

Thornhill Heights:

No improvement at entrance and unmaintained flower boxes still remain. Some litter, weeds at kerbs and some grass verges not maintained. New planting of trees was noted. Some nice houses and gardens.

Thornhill Meadows:

Sign at entrance beautifully planted. Some litter at entrance. Entrance green beautifully maintained and edged. Some weeds at kerbs. Improved maintenance at corner sites. Grass verges need attention. Some lovely houses and gardens. One dead tree near entrance.

Vanessa Lawns:

Shackleton road section of estate continues to be perfectly maintained. Same problems remain with the rest of the estate as last year.

WillowbrookGrove/Park:

Willowbrook Grove entrance much improved from last year, new owners homes well presented. Terracotta planters not planted up. Houses at entrance to Park well presented. Bungalow cul-de-sac beginning at 13 very well maintained. As last year in general the estate needs kerbs and verges tidied up and walls painted.

Willowbrook Lawns:

Re-emergence of kerbside weeds since resurfacing needs attention. Same problem as previous years with the concrete planters around the estate. They should be planted or removed. Some houses being renovated.

Medium Estates	Gen App	Pres GV/OS	Gard&Prem	AOL	Total
Ballygoran View/Court	20	19	22.5	20.5	82
Beatty Grove	20	19.5	20.5	23	82
Callenders Mill	15	19	21	19	74
Celbridge Abbey	21	21	22	24	88
Dara Court	19	19	18.5	23.5	80
Temple Manor	21	22	21	23	87
Thornhill Gardens	17	15.5	17.5	23	73
Thornhill Heights	12	11	16	23	62
Thornhill Meadows	17.5	17	20	22.5	77
Vanessa Lawns	16	14	17	21	68
Willowbrook Grove/Park	13.5	10	13	22.5	59
Willowbrook Lawns	12.5	9.5	14	20	56
Gen App:	General Appearance				
Pres GV/OS	Grass Verges/Open Spaces				
Gard&Prem	Garden and Premises				
AOL	Absence of litter				

Small Estates Comments 2016.

Ashgrove

Gardens and green spaces were well maintained. There was very little litter observed in the estate on the day of judging but weeds on roadside are still a problem in this estate.

Chelmsford

The houses and gardens in this estate looked well. There was no evidence of litter or weeds on the day of judging. However, the shrubbery at the entrance would need some attention.

Chestnut Grove

There appears to be little sign of work being done in the estate. The hedge on the right of the entrance is overgrow. Weeds need to be cleared on roadside verges.

Elm Park

The green space at back of estate is well maintained. Some weeds on roadside kerb. Shrubby at

the entrance needs a lot of attention.

Grattan Court

The estate looked very well and there was a notable absence of litter throughout but there were weeds evident on the roadside. The potted flowers and the flowers at the entrance to the small green continue to enhance this estate.

Hawthorn View

Graffiti, weeds and litter were prominent at the entrance to this estate. Green open space was well maintained but shrubberies needs some attention. Houses and gardens looked well.

Killadoon Park

Open green space was well maintained and no weeds or litter were evident on the day of judging. The general appearance of the estate was very good. A little more colour would enhance the estate.

The Little Grove

The flower beds at the entrance were very colourful and open spaces were well maintained. The judges were impressed by the general appearance and the work done by the residents themselves over the past few years.

Oakleigh

There were a lot of weeds to be seen at the roadside and green spaces at the back of the estate needs some attention. The houses and gardens were well presented.

Simmonstown Manor

This estate looked quite well but there were some weeds to be seen at the roadside. Houses and gardens looked well. Some flower beds would enhance the look of this estate.

Simmonstown Park

This estate looked good on the day of judging with no weeds or litter to be seen. The general appearance looked very well. The addition of some colour by adding flower beds would make a big improvement to this estate.

Temple Lawns and Primrose Hill

The seats with the flower beds around them looked well. The open spaces were well maintained but there were some kerbside weeds to be seen on the day of judging. There was no litter evident. Some trees would benefit from being pruned.

Vanessa Close

Green spaces looked well and there were some improvements from last year. There were a few weeds but no litter.

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Gen App</u>	<u>Pres GV/ OS</u>	<u>Gard & Prem</u>	<u>AOL</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>
Ashgrove	18	17	20	20	75
Chelmsford	18	19	20	20	77
Chestnut Grove	15	13	13	18	59
Elm Park	16	15	18	19	68
Grattan Court	20	21	22	23	86
Hawthorn View	15	15	20	17	67
Killadoon Park	22	20	22	22	86
Little Grove	22	22	21	22	87
Oakleigh	16	17	19	18	70
Simmonstown Manor	18	20	21	22	81
Simmonstown Park	21	22	22	20	85
Temple Lawns and Primrose Hill	19	18	21	21	79
Vanessa Close	17	15	16	19	67