

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BROADFORD-KILDARE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This was the adjudicator's first visit to the village of Broadford and I was very impressed with the overall appearance of the village. Your Committee should be congratulated for all their hard work. As part of the new format of the competition you will need to submit a 3-5 year work programme/plan for next year. Remember to keep your plan simple and basically it should set out your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. We look forward to receiving your plan next year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your proposal for the development of a bog walk is a very good idea and will certainly enhance the area. Bogs are a haven for wildlife and perhaps you may like to involve your local environmental experts to advise you in relation to the different species of wildlife which may be found in the area. Involving the school children may also help them in their study of the natural environment.

LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. The flower beds at the main road junction were very well presented. The various different flower beds around the village were well maintained and very colourful. The new beds beyond the church were well presented and the wooden structure with the shrubs and creepers were also nicely presented. The approach from the Mill race estate is very impressive with the trees and shrubs planted between these trees.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and car park area were neat and tidy. Some of the stone slabs in the car park were broken. The national school had some lovely ivy growing to the front. The Broadford House Pub, Nite Owels, Blades and the food store were all neatly presented with some nice hanging baskets. The post office was complimented with colourful window boxes and hanging baskets.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent on the day of inspection with basically litter evident. Well done to everyone involved.

TIDINESS

Broadford is a very neat and tidy little village. One problem area was weeds which were clearly evident along the kerbside beyond the church heading towards the phone kiosk. More regular spraying will eliminate this problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small housing estate of Mill Race Lawns was well presented, the green area to the front was well in need of being cut and some weeds were evident at the kerbside. The goal posts were in need of painting. Other residential properties in the village and surrounding area were also well presented and everyone concerned should be congratulated.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from the main road was very well presented with verges cut and hedges well maintained. The approach from Edenderry was by far the best with very well maintained flower beds, verges neatly

cut and residential gardens complimenting the overall approach. In and around the village the streets were neat and tidy, the only problem as I stated earlier was a minor problem with weeds at kerbside areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As stated earlier this was my first visit to Broadford and won't be my last. I am looking forward to see the bog walk development and the continued progression of Broadford in the competition. Well done everyone and good luck.