

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BORRISOLEIGH**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

For future development and participation in the Tidy Towns Competition, the new criteria will require Committees to draft a 3 - 5 year plan and work programme which would set out clearly the objectives and realistic targets for each year, starting in 1997. The various proposals which are being considered for Borrisoleigh - a wild flower garden; work at the old castle; the river - all should be included in your plan together with whatever other ideas your Committee have. These may then be implemented over time with the assistance of the local authority and other relevant Agencies. The Committee obviously has had its own work agenda each year but a medium to long term plan drawn up in advance would greatly assist its future endeavours.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The proposed development of the river as a natural amenity, the possibility of a riverside walk and the idea of a wild flower garden are projects which would be appropriate to this section - these could be sponsored or school projects. Another good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Look to your local environmental experts and groups to get involved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The proliferation of colourful window boxes and planting throughout the town is most commendable - on business premises and private residences and along the main roads into the town, including the tree planting and landscaping in these areas.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In this section, most business premises are well presented especially those that have the colourful window box floral displays that are so numerous around the town (e.g. the Cloghan and Phil the Fluther Bars). The two Schools (St. Patricks Boys and St. Teresas Girls) and St. Josephs College on the Upperchurch road are well maintained except that the gates and railings into the two National Schools should be painted. The grounds of the Retreat Centre are well maintained as are those of the Telecom Eireann premises opposite. The Parish Church and grounds and the grotto are most attractive. Elsewhere, the graveyard, the Shannon Development Enterprise Centre, the industrial premises on the Templemore road, the Post Office and most shops and stores in the town and also the service station are making a positive contribution to your Tidy Towns efforts. Your proposals on developing the old castle ruins should be advanced to make use of an interesting heritage building. The scrapyard mentioned in your report was noted by the Adjudicator and certainly does not enhance the approach from Templemore. Ironically the County Councils no dumping sign beside it is obviously not getting the message through.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is obviously good, with very little visible throughout the town - your regular clean-up and the re-cycling project are having a positive effect.

### **TIDINESS**

For the most part, the town looked tidy on adjudication day. In particular, the approach roads are well presented. However, you do have some problems with side lanes and back areas that are not as well presented as other parts of the town, and present an image of untidiness. In particular, there are a number of corrugated iron roofs that need improvement for next year. In the long term, you should be planning for the removal of many of the overhead wires in and around the town, but it is accepted that such a development will require the co-operation of a number of agencies.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses along all approach roads and in the town - along the Upperchurch road and the small estate of houses, the houses in towards the Post Office, houses on the Templemore and Nenagh roads, the houses along the street in the vicinity of the graveyard and further out along the Nenagh road, all are obviously enthusiastic in making their contribution.

## ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The efforts that have gone into the presentation of the two major approach roads from Thurles and Nenagh - the grassed areas, landscaping, tree planting, the picnic area on the Thurles road, the little grotto on the Nenagh road (work was in progress on tidying up the area around the bridge on this road during adjudication) - all these enhance both approach roads and create a very positive impression on visitors to the town. The two other minor approach roads, from Templemore and Upperchurch are both reasonably well presented and similar treatment to that undertaken on the other roads mentioned would greatly improve these.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of the Tidy Town Committee are having a positive effect on the appearance of Borrisoleigh and the continued support of the community will ensure that the town will improve even further. The future requirement of a planned approach to development should be taken as an opportunity to involve all sections of the community and local organisations. Also the statutory bodies and other relevant public agencies should be approached when drawing up this plan.