

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BORRIS**  
County : **CARLOW**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	30
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	27	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	17
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Borris, County Carlow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for submitting a very comprehensive and excellent development plan for your Tidy Towns activities. Congratulations and well done ! It sets out your objectives in a very clear and concise manner. You have formed relationships with almost all the agencies who can and will help you. Liaise with the Tourism Officer for County Carlow who may also have some useful advice to give you. With your enthusiasm and effort you will certainly make progress in this competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The public and commercial properties are being well presented. There is still some plastic signage in premises as noted in last years report. The monument had some weeds on the steps but is simply presented. The Church and its grounds looked lovely and contribute much to the appearance of the built environment. The Community Centre boundary wall needs painting and the building itself could be freshened up. The Bank, Daltons Shop, and Coadys (plastic sign should be removed) looked most attractive. Other commercial properties will need freshening up.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard here continues to improve and is very good overall. Your choice of trees, shrubs and plants is to be commended. The upper and lower green areas are beautifully presented. Do take care of weeding beds/rockery. Your efforts over the past few years in this area have been excellent. The new trees are blending in well with the old. The pavement with containers of plants and the information map with the two lamps is a lovely feature. Again cut grass etc around legs of picnic tables and stools. Other tree planting is done in a sensitive way and it would appear that careful study has gone into it.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It was marvellous to see and read your proposed plan for the conservation and encouragement of wildlife in the village. This will be a very rewarding and hugely enjoyable amenity. It will add greatly to the area you are preserving and will ensure that nature and wildlife will continue to have a place in the community.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general was very good with the exception of the area around the picnic area near the Tennis Court and telephone booth. It was good to note that the schools are involved in projects on anti-litter awareness. Do consider the involvement of youth groups, sporting organisations and the commercial sector in tackling this section.

## **TIDINESS**

Overall the village centre looks tidy and neat. Attention needs to be given to the weeds at kerbs throughout and it should be monitored on a regular basis. The entrances to open areas/fields need to be tidied up and gates need to be painted.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many properties are well presented but some would need attention in the village. Some advice might be sought on what should be done with these. Perhaps more window boxes with suitable flowers etc. might be suitable or an appropriate colour scheme for doors, gates and railings, etc. The Wood Lawn housing estate properties are good but, as indicated in your plan, it is going to be a priority in the years ahead. Open spaces needed to be cut and seats needed to be painted.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Again, you have taken steps in your plan to tackle this aspect. However, the footpaths need attention in some areas. The tree planting done to date will improve the presentation of the approach roads. The restoration and repair work to walls is on-going and again you have identified all the areas in your plan. Some signs need to be replaced or cleaned. Screening would be necessary for the machinery yard on the New Ross road. The Borris Golf Club entrance looked good - the top corner of the wall should have some type of shrub sown to cover ground and eliminate grass.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Borris has great potential to do well in this competition in future years. Your submitted plan is outstanding and you have set out clear objectives for the entire village. It is a most attractive village with Borris Estate in the centre which makes it unique.