

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>199</b>

## **Broadford, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This year the village is again well presented with several praiseworthy examples of community and individual effort. Last years report appealed for the preparation of a Development Plan which would outline your objectives over a number of years. This plan need not be a voluminous document but should set the future development of the village in the context of its rural setting and should encourage linkages with the surrounding countryside, e.g. Bog Walk.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church, school and their grounds are in good condition. The hanging baskets at Broadford House add colour. The Post Office and Farrells are acceptable. The Telecom Eireann building is freshly painted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The flower beds and pergola with its well maintained grassed area on both sides of the road adjoining the Church is attractive. The two stone faced flower beds approaching the school are small and tend to be lost in the grass verge. The Garden in front of the graveyard is another fine feature of the village. The extensive landscaping work with its closely cut grass, colourful rose beds and flowers at the N4 junction is an attractive introduction to the village. However the Council road dump with its weedy security fencing is unsightly and screening shrubs should be planted. The mature trees and other planting throughout is another good feature in the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a section that has not been fully addressed yet. The bog walk and the small wood beside the Church have considerable wildlife potential. Mature trees and shrubs, especially of the berried variety, well planted gardens, and the surrounding countryside all provide opportunities under this heading.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control continues to be good and the community are again complimented.

### **TIDINESS**

The village has a tidy appearance and this is generated by the absence of litter, well maintained footpaths, hedges, verges and boundary areas. Greater attention to detail, improved weeding, e.g. at flower beds at N4 junction, and painting some buildings would further enhance the overall tidy atmosphere of Broadford.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are several well presented houses throughout the village.

Many have attractive gardens. Most have well maintained boundary walls and fencing.

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

The main approaches to the village are in good condition with tended hedges and grass verges. Footpaths are generally in a satisfactory condition and are largely weed free. The mature trees and the younger trees, as already mentioned, are a fine feature in the village and on the approaches.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village looks well and has a cared for look. A planned approach, which will address the weaker areas and which would also deal with other factors such as encouraging better disabled access and bi-lingualism, is recommended.