

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BANSHA**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	20
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	22	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	161	150

Bansha, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Bansha has made a most significant submission this year and we acknowledge receipt of the comprehensive and ambitious 3 year plan supported by Appendix A, characteristics of the area, Appendix B, improvement objectives for the approaches to the village, the centre of the village and finally Appendix C - a detailed submission in connection with the next phase in the history of the Church of Ireland building. The detailed village and area map was also of great use to us on the day of adjudication. Bansha is now well equipped with a detailed plan and programme for the next 3 years, appropriately researched and based on the areas unique attributes and stirring history.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School was very well presented, both the building itself and surrounding grounds being a credit to all involved. John Groghan's Pub looked well as did the nearby Funeral Home. Neillies Bar was colourful. Full marks to the Post Office which was a delight - appropriate signage, splendid green and white livery and set off by well stocked window boxes. The Bansha Castle entrance was imposing while the Grotto was also well presented. St Bernards Credit Union was well presented but the front facing fencing might perhaps be looked at again. The terrace of houses at the Post Office were well presented with good window boxes and we noted the major work in progress on the nearby pub. Bresnans was well presented and particularly the fine floral display along its side. The new Community Resource Centre and the proposed treatment for its grounds and exterior wall are exciting and we will follow progress with interest. The current unused houses at the commencement to the Cahir road opposite the old Church building grounds also represent a challenge to be overcome. The Roman Catholic Church was very well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The impact of the central green is very positive. Grass suitably presented, appropriately sized flower beds with stone surrounds and finally, large suitably sized and disguised litter bins. Signage here, notably for the Glen of Aherlow, was very impressive. The amenity area on the Tipperary road is also very well presented but you should perhaps endeavour to highlight more the most attractive River.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The central grassed area and the River are two significant resources as wildlife habitats. The currently undeveloped, grassed area in the new housing beside the Church of Ireland offers an excellent opportunity in this regard. The provision of native berry producing shrubs, together with feeding tables would make this a very suitable and appropriate habitat for birdlife. The small amenity area between the bridge and the Garda Station is

similarly a very suitable location for development as a wildlife habitat.

LITTER CONTROL

Broadly litter management was good on adjudication day. The School and its grounds were delightfully free of disfigurement in this regard. The Rossadrehid road was a disappointment as an amount of litter i.e. crisp bags and similar were observed here. Litter bins are in good supply throughout the centre and a number, as already referred to, on the large grassed area were particularly well sited and appropriately screened.

TIDINESS

Bansha, although a busy transit village is attractive and neatly presented. The bus stop sign should be replaced urgently. Minor amounts of spoil were noted in the area of the Catholic Church with small amounts of weed also noted at the base of walls, between the Tipperary road and the Garda Station. A major difficulty continues around the GAA approach road and fencing and it is noted that this area has been identified for appropriate remedial action in your Development Programme.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Galtee View estate was a delight. Many of the houses were very well presented, often with fine garden displays. It was free of litter. No. 13 was particularly striking. The small housing estate beside the Church of Ireland was well presented with the exception of the communal grassed area which has not yet been developed. Houses at St Jude looked well but there was a variation in the standard of painting. In the residential area there was a uniformed, high standard of litter management. Private houses and gardens on the Cahir road were very well presented although some spoil had been allowed to accumulate outside front facing walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Tipperary approach road is a delight with excellent amenity areas, appropriate planting and picnic facilities. The only negative note is the village nameplate which has been damaged. The New Inn road featured good fencing, freshly painted but again the nameplate is damaged. The Cahir road approach lacked the same quality of floral and planting display with some spoil, grass and weed in this area. The Cahir signpost (8 ¼ miles) urgently needs repainting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bansha is a delightful town which is well equipped to serve as the gateway to the Glen of Aherlow. Intrinsically interesting, it has a reserve of interesting buildings which are well presented, attractive and inviting. The availability of a well thought through and detailed development plan augurs well for its future progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. Compliments are extended to all involved in this fine presentation !