

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	37
The Built Environment	40	29	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	203	200

Borris, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The comprehensive development plan submitted is very welcome and will assist greatly in the future development of the Borris. Borris is a unique village in many respects. The entire village being on one side of the main road and the Borris House estate on the otherside. There is a great wealth of trees and the marvellous stone walls throughout the village. The programme of work must respect these aspects.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Stone buildings and the great wall of the Borris House estate are a marvellous asset. The 16 arch bridge is a great feature. Could more be made of this bridge? The best view is from the Borris road. As the trees grow at the mid section they obscure the view. Consideration to maximising viewing should be given and perhaps lighting this feature. The station house, old schools and entrance gate to Borris House are lovely assets. Coadys, Kavanaghs and the Green Drake are very well presented and the Sheep's Wool premises is interesting. The buildings covered in virginia creeper add to the character of the village and complement the dense vegetation of the other side of the road.

LANDSCAPING

The greens are very attractive and are landscaped in keeping with the background. The information board is very useful and nicely presented. The treatment of the area where the railway bridge has been removed is very good. Trees well kept, grass and stonework make this very attractive together with the adjacent house with the great rose display in the garden. Individual gardens play a very important part in the overall landscape of the village and every encouragement should be given to promote garden care. The treatment around the base of the houses in the upper street is very effective. The massive cleanup at the station house has benefited this area greatly.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wild life garden planned will be worth waiting for. It is understandable that, with other work in hand, this has to wait. The important point is that it is in the plan and will be done according to a priority list. The creation of wildlife areas on disused rail lines is a great idea and there is a very good example of this in Clonmel.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter control is very good. Some small amounts were noted. It is very difficult to completely rid a town or village of litter. Systems

of control and alertness by every individual is needed.

TIDINESS

There is a very tidy aspect to the village. The residences help greatly in this regard. Business premises may find greater difficulty as they usually need to be noticed for business purposes or the storage of materials may not be the most attractive sight.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses on the roads are well cared for. Both house presentation in terms of painting, and boundary maintenance as well as well kept gardens are so valuable in the overall context. The small new houses at Buirios are well presented, the entrance is attractive with the sculpture and the existing large trees. Some new trees may be planted here for continuity. The houses at Pound Lane are nicely presented many with planters well placed and colourful. The houses at Station road are presented well. The variety of homes through the main streets is interesting in itself.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are well maintained in the area. Some attention to pavements is required and from the plan this seems to be programmed for 1999. The treatment of road verges on approach roads is good with a very natural progression into the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Borris is a very interesting village. Like so many villages and towns in Ireland it has unique features. The care and maintenance is very evident and the plan will bear great results as time proceeds. Stone walls and the lovely estate grounds with lush vegetation makes Borris particularly pleasant.