

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BROADFORD**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	30	31
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	211

Broadford, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form together with synopsis of 1998-2000 plan. The details make interesting reading and it is obvious that Broadford has much to offer in terms of history and landscape. You seem to have a good working relationship with Limerick Co. Council and you should build on this. You are not without problems and much of future progress will depend on the amount of community effort you can apply to improving the appearance of the village.

Your willingness to highlight the historical aspects of the area is commendable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings mentioned last year looks good again. You have a problem with rusty corrugated roofs - some in prime locations, that are keeping your marks down in this section. There are many attractive traditional features in many of the older buildings and these should be highlighted and maintained. You have taken up the suggestions of last year to develop some flower beds at the interface at the Sports Complex - well done. The Handball Court itself is in a sad state, reflecting great apathy on the great energy and effort that brought it to this location on day one. The playing field itself is a meadow and looks neglected. The monument to Daithí Ó Brudair is praiseworthy and provides an interesting and eye-catching introduction to the village from this approach. The adjacent Grotto is excellent. The windows in the Carnegie Library are rotting and need immediate attention.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting of former years in the village main street has improved the overall attraction of this area and you should now embark on a similar scheme for other areas (but perhaps with different trees species). The many small areas of landscaping will further enhance with the passing of time. The treatment of the river bridge area is attractive. Could you extend this along the river banks and develop pedestrian access from the Bridge. In general landscaping is good throughout.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no evidence of the quarry development taking place, other than some machinery on the site. Will this development be finished for next year? You have opportunities to highlight wildlife at the river area, so you

should pursue this.

LITTER CONTROL

Pockets of litter were evident on adjudication day. Those trading in wrapped goods should provide litter bins outside their premises. Litter bins seem adequate, but the problem is in discipline.

TIDINESS

The plethora of dereliction, unattended open spaces and unfinished developments all add to present an image of untidiness. Much of the problem here is outside the scope of a local community but you should alert property owners to the contents of this report.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The identity stone plaques at St. Mary's Terrace and John Paul Terrace need improvement. Some boundary walls at St. Mary's are incomplete and not in line with the roadscape. There are some excellent individual displays here, but in general co-ordination is weak. Your efforts regarding local competition will, in time, improve these areas. In general, houses and gardens are presented to a high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

You have room for improvement on the approach roads. More tree planting and the attention to hedge trimming would improve matters. You should also consider the erection of an illustrated Fáilte sign, although the treatment of the village sign near the bridge is attractive. The tree planting on the Newcastle West approach should be done again as the existing ones have been vandalised beyond recovery. Signage in the village would benefit from fresh painting. The small seating area at the Newcastle West approach is overgrown and needs attention. There is an attractive display of shubbery at the Bridge House, which helps to soften the car park area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The main street is your strong point. The approach roads have room for improvement and could help raise your standard. The housing scheme on the Newcastle West road should be finished to a high standard and try and incorporate some traditional features as the materials being used are very modern and may not blend in with the rural ethos of the village. Road surface also needs attention. Try and highlight the traditional aspects of the village and well done on progress to date and planned improvements.