

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TWO-MILE-BORRIS**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	164

Two Mile Borris, Tipperary Nr

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the comprehensive questionnaire, work programme and the descriptive map of the area with colour legends that made the identification of places easy for the adjudicator. The work of the committee in getting all sections of the community to interact with each other is paying off as the village was in fine condition on a pleasant June afternoon. Also it is important that the excellent relationship that exists between the local authority and other agencies be kept intact. The work programme is demanding but also very practical.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard of presentation of buildings both commercial and private was first class. As was the case last year there were some excellent gardens of roses, perennial and annual flowers and shrubs. It is good to note that in the work plan items for attention have been identified with completion deadlines pencilled in. The Church which is the main focal point of the village was in good condition as were the school and community hall. To keep community premises, such as the aforementioned, demands a lot of voluntary work so credit to those who are entrusted with the responsibility. Whelan's Foodstores, Bannon's, Corcoran's, and Dempsey and Harrold Garage all deserve praise for the manner in which they have presented their respective premises. Once again the impressive farmhouse adjacent to the Castle is eye-catching as one enters from Thurles. Indeed all private homeowners had their properties looking well.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting initiative that took place some years back is now proving to be beneficial to the village as these trees are beginning to mature. The Copper Beech trees on the Moyne Road are even more prominent this year. There has been a lot of additional work done in this category since last year as can be evidenced by that large number of tubs, baskets and shrub beds, which all add immense colour to the village especially when the weather provides the proper backdrop. Individual homeowners have contributed by keeping gardens in tip top condition. The Noard picnic area should be revitalised a little, I just felt on the particular day that it was not at its best.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Having previously mentioned the Noard area it is important that any planned wildlife project for that immediate area should be planned in conjunction with a local wildlife

enthusiast. Again full marks for involving school children from the local school, they will take this on board with enthusiasm.

LITTER CONTROL

The amount of litter visible on adjudication day was minimal. Congratulations for organising a "Litter Awareness Programme" this is progressive thinking as the youth of today will be the adults of the future.

TIDINESS

The standard was again quite good except for a little weed growth on the Moyne Road. The area opposite the School was a little overgrown and should at least be cut. The Committee deserves credit for keeping the issue of village tidiness very much to the forefront.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Both Cluain Na Seimre and Fr Harkin Park were in good condition and maturing as residential areas. I would suggest that the green area in the former be planted. Fanning Park was in good condition. There were a number of kerb areas in the village that were originally painted black and yellow (colours a bit inappropriate for that part of Tipperary!) that have now faded, these should be repainted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrances into the village from all points were in very good condition with the Thurles Road being particularly impressive. The Coolcroo Rd might need its verges cut back a little, as it is very narrow. The Grotto on the main Cork Dublin road as well as being a landmark was in pristine condition but I am never sure whether its part of Two Mile Borris or not!

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Two-Mile Borris has progressed in the competition each year and this year is no different. There are a lot of additional initiatives put in place since last year and the committee are to be congratulated for the collective effort. Keep up the good work.