

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	166

Bansha, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The development plan and map which were useful on adjudication day. You received an in-depth report from last years adjudicator. The following comments therefore should be read in the context of that report and are by way of observation on progress to date.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year the Church, Credit Union premises, the Post Office and many of your commercial premises were very well presented and greatly enhanced the appearance of the village. Your comments regarding the rehabilitation of the Old Church as a heritage centre were noted and we look forward to the completion of this project. This type of presentation is all important if the village is to continue to succeed in the Competition.

LANDSCAPING

Your efforts in this respect at the GAA grounds, the Green and in particular at the riverside were noted. In this respect you are doing excellent work. Perhaps the introduction of a flower bed at the Grotto might lighten the general appearance of that area which otherwise looked very well. However, in terms of further landscaping, the comments of last year's adjudicator regarding the introduction of trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis should be noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You did not mention in your entry form that you had undertaken a wildlife project. The current thinking is that Committee should consider setting aside an area within or close to the village for preservation and development for the attraction of wildlife. In this connection there is some useful information in the Tidy Towns Handbook and/or you should make contact with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who are quite willing to give advice with such a project. Should you decide to embark on this type of development for next year please indicate on your entry form where your designated area is so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately, on adjudication day, there was some evidence of litter in the housing estates and on the Green and, in spite of two litter bins, in the picnic area opposite the Grotto. This is an important aspect of the Competition

which needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

While some of the comments made in last year's report are still applicable, in general the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner. Do however give some attention to the matters raised last year which, in the main, are still with you.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private individual houses make up the bulk of accommodation in Bانشa and, in most cases, looked very well on adjudication day. Some had very nice gardens. Both the Galtee View estate and the Church View Close estate looked very well but unfortunately, as mentioned above, some litter was in evidence. Open spaces also needed some attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are quite good as indeed are footpaths. The comments made last year regarding problems with directional and informational signage still apply. There seems to be a surfeit of signposting in the village which should and could be rationalised. Approach roads looked well but need constant attention. This also is an important part of the Competition as approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked very well on adjudication day. The items mentioned above and in last year's report need constant monitoring involving the full support of both the commercial and private sector in the village. Your development plan is commendable. Try to do a certain amount each year, enlisting the services of your Local Authority, FAS and your Regional Tourism Authority in terms of advice. Some help for village renewal might also be available from LEADER. Keep up the good work.