

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOHERLAHAN**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175	171

Boherlahan, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the information supplied on the application form together with the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Please do consider producing a 3 to 5 year plan as mentioned in previous years' reports. This can be done very simply in conjunction with your Local Authority. In this respect it is gratifying to read that you have the support of your Local Authority, FAS and your local Schools without which it is extremely difficult to progress in the Competition. In the event of you producing a plan please do include a copy with next year's entry form.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year, the Church, Parish Hall and School were very well presented, as indeed was the Bianconi Chapel and their surroundings. Business premises also looked well. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

Your comments under this heading were noted and were observed on adjudication day. The grounds of the Bianconi Chapel were excellent and your flower beds are being well looked after. When planning future landscaping do bear in mind the provision of flowering trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Flower beds do indeed look lovely but are short lived and need high maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. The present thinking is that a Committee should designate a location in or near the adjudication area which can be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. In this connection, the Tidy Towns Handbook will be useful. You might also consider consulting the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. In the event of you undertaking such a project in the future please do include details of it with your application form together with a location map so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will continue to receive a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Boherlahan was practically litter-free on adjudication day. It is also gratifying to read the involvement of school children in your Anti-Litter Programme. In many centres, school

children can be the culprits. Obviously not so in Boherlahan. Well done.

TIDINESS

Boherlahan was presented in a very neat and tidy manner on adjudication day and reflects the obvious interest of local residents in their environment. Work was in progress in the vicinity of the Village Pump and telephone kiosk on adjudication day. This is obviously an area which could be improved and would lend itself to simple landscaping in terms of tubs of flowers, etc.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Both housing estates looked extremely well. Their open spaces and planting are being well maintained. Individual houses also looked very attractive. Many had lovely gardens which were in full bloom. This is an important aspect of the Competition as, in a small locality, the full support of local residents is absolutely essential. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were very well presented and this too is a very important part of the Competition. The appearance of approach roads very often tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. The roadway and paths within the village are also being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

While the above comments should be read within the context of last year's report, nevertheless Boherlahan is making steady progress. Planning for the future however will be important and, in this respect, try to do as much as you can each year within your physical and financial resources. Your Regional Tourism Authority, based in Waterford City, run an annual Tidy Towns Seminar each year with specialist guest speakers. You might try to attend this as you would find it useful. Seek the best advice you can and in this respect a visit to Emly and/or Kilsheelan and perhaps a meeting with their Committees will give you an insight in to what they have achieved from small beginnings. In the meantime keep up the good work.