

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BARTLEMY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	20	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	9
Litter Control	40	34	29
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	169

Bartlemy, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and map. A copy of the village renewal plan 1999 mentioned in your 1999 application should be submitted with your Tidy Towns application. This would help the adjudicator gain an insight into your future plans. Keep up your consultation and working relation with FÁS and Cork County Council. Bartlemy should look at each of the categories in the Tidy Towns competition and try to develop actions in relation to these. It should be borne in mind that high marks in one category can be diluted by low marks in another, so a more even handed approach is best. The Wildlife and Natural amenities Category carries substantial marks and is an area the Committee would need to work on, perhaps in conjunction with the school children as mentioned further on in the body of this report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bartlemy is a very compact village with a very nice traditional feel to it. The Church and Scoil an Easpaig O'Briain look well again this year. The Community/Parish Centre is in need of paintwork, particularly its name sign. The old creamery building would make a very good restoration project. There are a number of derelict buildings within the village, which will need constant monitoring. The Committee should ensure that the owners of these buildings continue to maintain them to an acceptable standard. The Committee should consult the Tidy Towns Handbook section relating to derelict sites and buildings on page 46. This gives details of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, which is a powerful tool in relation to tackling this problem.

LANDSCAPING

The category is quite strong for Bartlemy with the area at the start of the Watergrasshill exit looking very well tended and very inviting with the seating. The planting on the Castlelyons exit is very good. The residents of Church View can be proud of the area to the front of their estate also. Some of the flower tubs outside the Parish Hall would need to be renewed. The landscaping at the Watergrasshill/Bartlemy junction (down from the Church) is now complete and creates a beautiful first impression on this approach.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As outlined in last year's report this is a relatively new category to the Tidy Towns Competition and this may need

more attention. A good approach may be to develop an Environmental Programme. This may be something the more senior classes in the Primary School could take on. Action sheet 6 of the Tidy Towns Handbook, gives a five step approach, which includes Habitat Survey, Developing a Management Plan, Access and Community Involvement, Interpretation and Carrying out the Work.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter continues to be kept in check. The litter controls and activities of the school children mentioned in the 1999 submission appear still to be paying dividends. The location of litter bins near the school and Parish Hall is a good idea. Keep up a campaign to promote anti-litter awareness in the Community.

TIDINESS

Weed growth appears to be under control and also Bartlemy does not appear to have fallen victim to fly posting like so many other towns and villages. The flower tub outside the Parish Hall still needs attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private housing on the approach roads is of a high quality. The Church View houses are also well presented with very nice bilingual signage also. The area to the foreground is nicely planted. The mature houses opposite Church View have again made a great floral decoration and display nicely tended lawns and shrubs.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Rathcormac approach looked well tended, as did the Watergrasshill approach, which has beautifully cleaned traditional walls. The village signs are very well presented again. The double gates on the Castlelyons approach have been painted and look much better. The 'Yield' sign at the junction mentioned in last year's report still needs painting. The stonewall on the way to Church View from the village looks very well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bartlemy has a very homely feel for the visitor to the village. It is a very compact and peaceful location with a nice restful seating area on the Watergrasshill exit.