

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BROADFORD-KILDARE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	206

Broadford, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and comments on what you intend to do in the future. Unfortunately maps were not included. The idea of a bog walk is very appealing and this is greatly anticipated – good luck with the work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The graveyard on the Longwood approach was neat though the hedge needed to be cut back further. The gravel store could be screened with hedges or shrubs. This has been successfully done in other places around the country. It was noted that Farrells newsagent was up for sale though it did need a coat of paint. The Broadford Inn was fine and the Irish signage was noticed. Both the school and the church were well painted though both needed their gates and railings painted. The carparks of both were neat and tidy – well done.

LANDSCAPING

What has happened to the roses on the Longwood approach? Roses around the country are blooming exceptionally well this year except for here. It was a pity as they are usually a fine sight when one passes on the main road. The picnic table here was in good condition. Exotic planting does not really do justice to the rural nature of the village. Tree management was required in some places as some were in a poor state and need replacing. The landscaped area opposite Farrells looked well. Bollards at the Cadamstown turn off amenity area required repainting. The landscaped area beside the church was well presented with a wonderful bower of roses.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The proposal of the bog walk is excellent and it is good that you have the backing of the landowner. Take into account the myriad of other habitats around the village. Hedgerows in particular have a great bio-diversity as long as the species of hedging used are mixed. Be selective in hedgerow cutback and encourage such plants as ferns, honeysuckle and wild roses.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the centre of the village was good. There were a couple of pieces on the Edenderry approach and at the picnic area beside the Church. No litterbin was evident here. The litterbin at the Edenderry approach was full.

TIDINESS

The village appeared untidy particularly on the approach roads as the grass and hedges had not been maintained. This may be due to the cutback in FAS workers, though this has affected Tidy Towns Committees all over the country. It is now time to take stock of your resources and see how you can utilise these to the best of your capability. There were no weeds at the kerbsides in the village – well done.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicator was absolutely delighted to see the restoration of the stone buildings in the centre of the village. They enhance the village tremendously. The cottages on the Longwood approach looked very well. There were many well presented houses throughout the village though many others do require the repainting of their front walls. There is a house on the corner near the small bridge which has the most magnificent garden. As it is mainly herbaceous there must be a great deal of work in its maintenance but it looks worth it. New houses also looked well and integrate well into the village. The Millrace was very presentable with some pleasant houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grassy areas throughout the village at the Edenderry end had been well cut back as had the grass near Millrace and the amenity area at the Cadamstown turn off. The margins only really need to be cut throughout the village so as to link it together. Signage in some areas was very rusty – is there any way the Council could invest in rust proof signs? Further attention is needed in maintaining the approach roads though.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village seemed to be suffering the setbacks of a reduced FAS scheme though buildings and residential had been maintained. Greater effort is required though in order to progress in the competition. Good luck with your future work.