

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BROADFORD**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	35	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	20
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	211

Broadford, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for a clear and concise entry form, sketch map of the village and practical 3-year plan, which outlined work being undertaken at present and work for the future.

The level of co-operation between the Committee, agencies and the local community is to be envied.

This type of co-operative involvement is paying dividends for the village.

Broadford Tidy Towns Committee has done an excellent job of guiding the efforts of the community for the betterment of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It was noticeable on adjudication day that there was ongoing improvement work, new walls and upgrading of footpaths being undertaken.

The new voluntary housing scheme on the Newcastlewest Road will be a beneficial addition to the village when fully completed.

The Church and grounds, often featured at prayer time on RTE, looked resplendent and a credit to the caretaker responsible for its upkeep.

The O Brudair monument depicting the Bardic school area is impressive and is a focal point in the village and is complemented by the excellent Grotto.

The simple memorial plaque to Mortimer Dawson is effective and in obtrusive.

I would agree with last years adjudicator that the overall condition of the Carnegie Library, whilst structurally sound, needs to be examined especially the timber windows.

LANDSCAPING

The Arboretum, which is now completed, is something which in future years will become synonymous with Broadford

The whole landscaping programme undertaken in the village is both imaginative and effective.

There is an appealing mix of trees, shrubs and flowers to be seen dotted around the village.

The Grotto planting scheme is excellent.

Individual householders deserve special mention, as there were some very attractive private gardens and flower box displays to be viewed on the day

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is refreshing to note that as part of the further development of the Arboretum provision has been made for

a wildlife sanctuary with pond.

The Arboretum and adjoining area is a haven for all species of wildlife and the wildlife information boards give that added appeal.

This project is an example of endeavour on the part of the local community.

It was noted that local craftsmen made the excellent wrought iron gate and surrounds.

LITTER CONTROL

Suggestions made in last years report were acted upon and there seems to be a good litter control programme in place.

There was very little litter to be seen in the village or the surrounds.

It is encouraging to see that the schoolchildren are being involved in the anti litter campaign.

TIDINESS

The standard in this category was very good with just a few issues to be addressed.

The plan states that existing bins, which have become a little tatty, will be replaced this year with new ones.

The derelict area has been camouflaged effectively but eventually the whole area should be redeveloped in keeping with existing streetscape.

Some boundary walls need to be painted, and the condition of some road signs were not too good – maybe a little pressure on Limerick County Council would result in improvement.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Both St Mary's and John Paul Terrace looked well on what was a nice balmy sunny day.

The identity plaques of both estates have been improved upon since last and looked as if they were sand blasted.

In the Landscaping section I mentioned the contribution made by individual householders and the residents of both these schemes deserve credit for the manner in which they have presented their respective gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main entrances were in general well presented but as was the case last year there is room for improvement.

Entrances to a village or town create first impressions and for this reason it is important that they are treated sensitively and in keeping with recommended practices particularly verge trimming, cutting of hedgerows and most importantly condition of road surfaces.

Given that village is making a major effort to achieve a high standing in the competition it is important that the committee has ongoing contact with the relevant sections of

the local authority.

This will ensure that work will be carried out at the appropriate times of the year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Broadford Tidy Towns Committee has been successful in addressing difficult issues and this is evident in the improvements that have taken place in the village over the last number of years.

An excellent relationship has been forged with agencies and all sections of the local community and it shows that with proper encourage locals do take pride in their place.

Keep up the excellent effort.