

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BORRIS-IN-OSSORY**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	33
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	211	207

Borris-In-Ossory, Co. Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Borris-In-Ossory is a charming village which enjoys a very high standard of presentation, despite the great disadvantage of being located on a national primary route. The difficulties regarding litter, etc. are appreciated. The committee manages very well to control litter and to maintain hedgerow, shrubs and grass verges and at the same time, to take on new projects like the one at the top of the Coolrain Road, commemorating the fifty years of the Irish Red Cross Society in Laois. Congratulations on winning the Supervalu Endeavour Award and thank you for your plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Whites building is a very handsome building and we wish you well in its redevelopment. Other buildings are well presented also. The 'listed' buildings (including Whites) have fine traditional features which deserve to be retained. Send in details next year for the Old Courthouse.

LANDSCAPING

We like your idea to replace small trees with semi-mature trees of uniform height and species. Do not place too great an emphasis on flower displays at the expense of permanent planting. We look forward to the landscaping of the grounds of both churches.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The school grounds with its bird boxes are imaginative and visually pleasing and will surely promote an awareness of wildlife in school children.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good. The children of the National School are to be congratulated for their role in keeping Borris-in-Ossory litter free.

TIDINESS

The village enjoys an overall appearance of tidiness. Keep up the reminders to property owners regarding the maintenance of curtilage areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Planning applications for over 100 residential units at five

sites around the village will change the face of Borris-In-Ossory. Do try to have an input into their design, character and standard of finish. Existing residential properties are nicely presented, well done to resident associations.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Stone wall restoration makes an important contribution to the environment, particularly when completed in the traditional manner. Street furniture is nicely presented for the most part and carparking is orderly.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Borris-In-Ossory is very favourable despite its location on a national primary route.