

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BIRDHILL**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	40
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	30
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	244	237

Birdhill, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for copy of three year development plan, map and also report on 2001 from which we note the items completed. We wish you well with your plans for a Park and the other items you have shown as a target for the years 2002/2003.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Station, the Birdhill Co-Op, Tipperary Crystal, Matt the Threshers and Coopers are now all well presented and as previously noted, have a complementary colour scheme. The new stone wall was noted on the road to O'Brien's Bridge.

LANDSCAPING

The many areas of planting throughout the village were excellent on the day of adjudication – grass well cut, roses blooming and the ground cover very attractive. At Matt the Threshers the terra cotta containers were admired and also the clematis and ivy softening the aspect of Coopers. The petunias here were colourful but we would recommend that twice the number be planted to give a riot of colour in this central position in the village. The flowerbeds on the other side of the track at the railway station were very well kept and colourful. However, the flowerbed in the car park – which is the introduction to the Station, was full of long grass. The three concrete containers at the Killaloe turning were rather sparse and we would suggest that one good container here would be preferable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The many green and planted areas throughout the village contribute to this category.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was litter free throughout except for a sprinkling at the car park behind Matt the Threshers. This looked as if it were of recent origin.

TIDINESS

The village was neat, tidy and weed free throughout

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All the residential properties are contributing fully to the tidy towns effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were well trimmed and verges well kept. Signage throughout was clean and well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

On this busy Limerick/Dublin road Birdhill is an oasis. The ten person Committee have done what is always recommended – keep it simple – attention to detail – maintain what has been put in place to a high standard as well as developing new projects. The village should continue to progress in the Competition under their guidance.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/01)

Birdhill has many hidden treasures of which the travelling public are not aware. Congratulations to the committee and the community on its admirable presentation. Work accomplished under the 'Wildlife' category is especially valuable. We would like to have more details of species present in your small woodland area, the signs here are beautiful. The 'Polloughs' initiative is exciting and adds a new dimension to Birdhill. We wish you well in your efforts for a roadside park development. The milk churns at the Co-op are a nice touch and the old gates at the Railway Station entrance were much admired. New housing development was noted opposite the church, hopefully this future residential development will complement existing standards in Birdhill. Stone walls and the bridge looked really well.