

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BORRISOLEIGH**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	196

Borrisoleigh, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Borrisoleigh is a pleasant village situated primarily on the Thurles/Nenagh main road. There is obviously a commitment in regard to enhancing the environs of the village and the work of the Tidy Towns Committee is evident in this regard. We note your remarks regarding your relationship with the County Council. This is unfortunate, as they must become a main player if your work is to progress further. In view of your comments we are not deducting marks for non-production of a three year plan, although this is now mandatory. However, a plan must accompany your entry next year, setting out your targets for the future and outlining how these are to be achieved - i.e. FAS scheme, County Council assistance and also the co-operation of local residents. We note that you also state that you have received no support from the local community during the year. Such support is essential in order to achieve your aims and we would suggest that the plan you draft should include strategies to motivate all of the residents of Borrisoleigh in the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and surrounds was very well presented including the paved area with excellent street lighting outside the gates. Here, the premises with "Ryans" over the door is a focal building in the village and it would enhance this area if this building were refurbished - for a start perhaps the galvanised roof could be painted. On Pallas Street the Tipperary Mineral Water premises are well maintained and also the entrance and walls of the graveyard. The three Schools on this road are very well presented. Business premises in the centre of the village are mostly well maintained and there is a good use of colour throughout. The other graveyard entrance on the Nenagh road is well kept. As you mention, there are a few derelict buildings throughout the village, and long term planning will be needed in order to solve this problem. On the Templemore approach the large area occupied by the Gleeson Group is well maintained and landscaped. The Tipperary Co-Operative premises has a well landscaped entrance. On the Thurles approach the Garda Station was well presented.

LANDSCAPING

As mentioned above, there is a nicely landscaped area outside the Church, providing a focal point in the village. On Pallas Street maturing trees were noted and the hanging baskets here were admired. On the Nenagh approach there are a couple of very pleasant green areas, with tree and flower planting. The picnic area is welcoming for visitors - could the plastic chairs be replaced

with wooden ones - they would be more appropriate. The legacy of mature trees, which Borrisoleigh has inherited, is impressive and the copper beeches were noted especially. Remember that your work in regard to tree planting (especially the native varieties) will be there for future generations. The raised bed planting at the turn to lleigh was admired, as was the small park area where the re-cycling bins have been located. On the Thurles approach there was a profusion of colour in the round flower beds and the planted/picnic area near the old bridge. The excellent paved and planted area at the entrance to what was presumed to be the GAA grounds enhances this area greatly. The water hydrant feature with the colourful planting in the centre of the village was also admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No specific projects were mentioned under this heading but all the planted areas contribute. However, when drawing up your plans for the future, you should consider undertaking a specific project in this regard - the Tidy Towns Handbook may give you some ideas.

LITTER CONTROL

Whilst litterbins were noted in a number of places, a little litter was to be seen in the centre of the village.

TIDINESS

The village in the main presented a neat and tidy appearance with kerbs weedfree. However, there were a couple of untidy sites on Pallas Street and, of course, the derelict buildings are not helpful in maintaining a neat appearance. On the Nenagh approach there was also a rather untidy yard on the right next to a house which is in the course of being built, but where work appears to have ceased.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses in and around Borrisoleigh are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort. When the building at Castle Court is completed there will be new residents in Borrisoleigh and you should encourage these to join with you in your endeavours in the future.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are poor in a number of areas and margins/verges quite rough in places. Signage is mostly well maintained but the group of signs in the centre of the village was rather askew and needing attention. You should contact your local authority in regard to these issues.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Borrisoleigh is a village that is already showing signs of expansion and it is to be welcomed that the Tidy Towns Committee is in place to ensure that the village progresses

towards its maximum potential in the years ahead.