

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BROADFORD**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Broadford, Co.Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Competition. Broadford is an important village in East Clare, set in the heart of the East Clare Lakelands and on the East Clare Way walking route. The entry form and very well drawn map were helpful on the day of adjudication and it was good to note that you have the assistance of a FAS scheme. However, for next year you should note that it is now required to submit a one page plan covering 3/5 years with you entry. This information gives the adjudicator a more comprehensive view of the work undertaken to date and your strategy for the future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church is very well presented, with good landscaping. The School, Broadford Sports and Leisure Centre and Danny's Pub were also looking well. However, Vaughan's Pub had too many plastic signs outside which would not be in keeping with the village and the Post Office needed repainting. Also, there are some derelict buildings in the village for which a long term solution will be required in the future.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Congratulations on your main project, the riverside walk between the two bridges. This is a pleasant oasis in the centre of the village and well developed with its picnic table, seating and display map. Further in the planted area, including the two trees planted by the Broadford ICA and the waterfall make a very pleasant walk. Other landscaping throughout the village, including hanging baskets and window boxes, was admired.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No specific project was mentioned, but the planting undertaken contributes in this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was mostly good throughout the village; however, there was a little debris and litter to be seen at the waterfall on the riverside walk. Involving the School children as you do in your efforts under this category is to be commended.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly neat and tidy with kerbs weedfree throughout.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses and the new infill housing in the village were mostly contributing to the Tidy Towns effort. Terra cotta or wooden containers for flowers and shrubs would be preferable to plastic.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Some rough verges need attention throughout the village and some road signage needed cleaning. The main thoroughfare was very congested. If car parking was allowed on one side of the street only this should alleviate this situation or off street car parking would be even better.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Broadford is a village with great character, set in lovely surroundings, and we look forward to your future progress in the Competition in the years ahead.