

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	37	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	31	32
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	248	244

Birdhill, County Tipperary Nrth.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information submitted by the Birdhill Tidy Village Committee was concise and informative including the entry form, map, and details of work undertaken and work planned. The receipt of such information gives a more comprehensive overview to the Adjudicator. The list of nine items undertaken for 2002 is impressive. From the further communication received we note that unfortunately the development of the Village Green and the new Park have not progressed as expected, due to the fact that the Village Renewal Scheme has not as yet got under way this year. However, it is important that the first steps have been taken and we look forward to the completion of your plans in this regard.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Tipperary Crystal, Matt the Threshers and the Coopers were all very well presented with attractive landscaping in the grounds of each. The virginia creeper is growing slowly on the back wall of the car park near Matt the Threshers and should look well in a couple of years. The other buildings around the village, including the Railway Station and the Old Creamery were quite well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The overall excellent landscaping throughout the village was again admired. The high standard in this area of the competition demonstrates a huge commitment by the Committee and all the residents of Birdhill. However, in connection with all the stone tubs throughout the village, we would suggest that some more funding be used to fill these to overflowing with colour. This year there were some rather sparse petunias in a number of these, especially the three (now four) mentioned in last year's report on the Killaloe approach. Of course, this year the weather was very poor coming up to adjudication and this fact is being taken into account. The newly planted beech hedges were noted on the Nenagh road. Whilst the new Park has not progressed as quickly as you would wish, the entrance is attractive and the Wildlife Information Board, which is in situ already, is a good start to the project. The maintenance and development of the landscaping at the Railway Station was noted, especially the newly planted red brick flower beds on the platform. Trees at various stages of development on the approach roads are maturing nicely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Birdhill is to be commended for their work in this area. The display board at the start of the Pollagh Trail is attractive and informative, as is the leaflet showing the walking route which was submitted with the entry form. We have already mentioned the interesting Wildlife Information Board in the new Park which came about following the undertaking

of a survey on the Flora and Fauna in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

The only litter seen on the day was in the car park for Tipperary Crystal and Matt the Threshers. This appeared to be fast food packaging, which must have been brought in from somewhere else. A litter bin here may be useful and, of course, constant vigilance is necessary.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy throughout with no kerbside weeds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All private houses are very well presented and it was good to note the gates of one residence on the Killaloe road being painted on the day of adjudication.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage throughout Birdhill is very well maintained and the hedges on the approach roads trimmed back. As the village is on a national primary route, many travellers have the opportunity to appreciate the work undertaken to enhance Birdhill.

GENERAL IMPRESSION.

Birdhill is a village that has fully entered into the spirit of the Tidy Towns Competition in all aspects and has the potential to progress further in the years ahead.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/02)

Birdhill is situated on the main Dublin-Limerick Road, but despite this extremely busy location it manages to be presented to the highest of standards. Landscaping throughout had come to full bloom on second adjudication day. Of particular note was the attractive permanent planting at village nameplates, the landscaped area opposite Tipperary Crystal and the tubs throughout the village which were overflowing with various flowers including petunias. These latter had obviously come a long way since the first adjudication. However, it was disappointing to note that no further work was evidenced at the Town Park. The buildings of the town generally looked extremely well including Matt the Threshers, Tipperary Crystal and the Co-Op. Generally the village was well maintained and presented to the best of standards.