

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TWO-MILE-BORRIS**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>183</b>

## **Two Mile Borris, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the very detailed entry form and the sketch map of the village which allowed the adjudicator to identify the main areas of the village. The Village has grown quite substantially since this adjudicator's last visit some years back, it has now become some what of satellite village of Thurles and I hope the local don't take umbrage at this description. The one thing I would hope for is that it will not lose its character, there is only so much housing development that a village the size of Two Mile Borris can embrace. Once again there is a very good relationship between the committee, local community and relevant agencies.

The committee has mobilised the local community, both old and new, to support the Tidy Town effort and the Village has benefited from this.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of presentation of buildings both commercial and private is improving each year and it is only now one sees the benefit of such things as the agreed painting initiative. The mix of colour on premises both commercial and private would be the envy of most other similar size villages. Credit is due to all residents for presenting their individual premises to such a high standard. It would be unfair to highlight any premises be it public, private or commercial as all were in excellent condition. The Core of the village was complemented by the standard of presentation in both local authority and private housing developments. These will deal with under another section in the report.

The Two Mile Borris Hurling Team Memorial is an attractive focal point of the village and has been very well maintained I presume this is voluntary effort. Your idea to have brick or cobbled pavers outside the Church is very laudable, as it would blend in with the village very well. The one negative comment I would have in this section is the condition of the old house in the centre of the village with its unique railings, its just a pity that it cant be done up or even camouflaged somewhat.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The additional planting of trees in Fanning Park and Cluain Na Seime as well as the new shrub/flower arrangements have been noted. This is a category that the village has scored well in over the last few years and this year is no exception. There are some excellent examples of good planting schemes to be seen on all approach roads especially on the Moyne Road and as one enters from the Pike off the Dublin Cork Road. There are some fine examples of very well maintained private

gardens many of which have colourful shrub and flowerbed. The inclusion of some additional hanging baskets since some years back gives added colour to the centre of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The placing of a bird box at the Noard picnic area is a very positive step in the establishing a dedicated wildlife project area. As was stated in last year's report the increase in Housing Developments will mean that Two Mile Borris will have an increase in its young population so it is important to get school children involved this type of initiative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The weekly clean ups are paying off as the village was virtually litter free on adjudication day. The installation of 4 new bins is welcomed and the fact that they are strategically placed in areas that need them is even better. One or two bins were slightly overfilled but I suppose that is better than having litter strewn around the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The Village was quite tidy even allowing for the building development that was still underway, back and side areas were in general well maintained and there was nothing unsightly that stood out.

Beware of weed growth at the bases of walls - unfortunately this years weather has been so bad people have been unable to get out and do such basic maintenance as clearing weeds.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There must be at least three new housing developments in Two Mile Borris since this adjudicator last visited. Most have been completed and some are maturing very quickly most notably Dun Na Ri, Castlepark and Glen Carrig, Ardleigh is still in the throes of construction. Fanning Park has improved very much since two years back and indeed some residents were out painting fences and boundary walls.

Cluain Na Seime and Harkin Park were also in very good condition, with a few exceptions, and again credit is due to most of the residents of these estates. It is hoped that others whose e properties are not up to standard will be influenced by the efforts of their neighbours.

The Competition that you have mentioned in your form will certainly help in getting people to take pride in their particular area of village and that can be only good for Two Mile Borris.

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

The Moyne Road entrance in to T M Borris always impresses this adjudicator simply because of the rows of attractive copper beech trees that act as a backdrop. The other two main entrances were maintained a very high standard, with green areas cut and verges trimmed and some impressive

private houses to be seen. The Two Mile Borris sign on the entrance into the village from the Pike needs to be either cleaned or preferably replaced, as it does not blend in with the rest of the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

I might be stating the obvious that the Village is very fortunate to have such an energetic committee of 12 that is able to get the best out of the rest of the Community. There is an opportunity now to involve new people that have come to live in the place and this can only help the Two Mile Boris to achieve even higher standards in the Competition.

Much positive progress has been made in the last number of years and this year is no different.

Keep up the good work!