

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BANSHA**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	22	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>192</b>

## **Bansha, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you indeed for all the information supplied with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your Plan Update is excellent and was read with interest. The seven “improvements” sites were all visited. You received an in depth report from the Adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on further improvements to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year your Church, School, Post Office and Cemetery were very well presented and are being very well maintained. Commercial premises also looked very well. The Pink House is still a problem. The bridge over the River Ara looks well as indeed do the many stone walls throughout the village which are a feature. Your comments regarding the proposals by the GAA are noted. Initially, however, the painting of the gates would help.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flowerbeds, planters and window boxes, where presented throughout the village, looked well and are being well looked after. New planting at the Grotto, the village green and at the GAA wall was also noted. Trees and shrubs planted throughout the village in the past are now maturing and create a nice ambiance. Similar planting should be part of your future plans. Do try to use trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Open spaces, which are a major feature of the village, are being well kept. On adjudication day they did need cutting but this was probably due to the inclement weather.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The indicated site of the Wildlife Panel by the River Ara was visited but was not to be seen. Perhaps it is not in place yet or the Adjudicator was looking in the wrong place. This area would be ideal for a wildlife project and you might give some consideration to this for next year. Perhaps there is someone in the locality who is knowledgeable on wildlife and would be interested in such a project. The Wildlife Officer of Duchas is also available to give help and advice.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The comments made on your entry form and those of last years Adjudicator were noted. Unfortunately the situation has not improved. If anything it has disimproved. Litter was to be seen in many areas – in the housing estates, around the green, at the Church, at the GAA Park etc but most of all at the River Ara Bridge and lay-by. The profusion of

litter at that particular site was the worst which this Adjudicator had seen this year.

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One way to solve this problem is, if possible, to instigate a few prosecutions under the Litter Act. Otherwise it is a question of monitoring the situation on a day-to-day basis. It is one of the most important parts of the competition.

## **TIDINESS**

Many of the comments made under this heading last year are still appropriate but, in general, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. In spite of the litter problem it would appear that your residents are very keen and interested in the preservation of their living environment. Well done to all concerned.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Galtee View estate looked well but, unfortunately, there was evidence of litter. Houses are being well maintained and it was nice, on adjudication day, to see people working in their gardens which, where presented, looked resplendent. This individual effort is also an important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without it.

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

Road surfaces are quite good. Pathways are also being well maintained. The new pathway on the Tipperary Road is a nice addition. Approach roads are being reasonably well kept, bearing in mind the inclement weather. In particular, the Tipperary approach looks well and the lay-by at the Statoil Station greatly enhances that particular area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

It is indeed gratifying to read that you have the continued support of you Local Authority, Fás, your LEADER Company and, most importantly, your local residents for your efforts. Overall the village is improving. Litter is a major problem. A major anti-litter campaign is called for and should be part of your future planning. Ideally you should try to develop a 3/5 year plan which would set out, on a year-to-year basis, what you can realistically achieve per year over that period within your physical and financial resources. The work you are doing is excellent but attention to detail will be required which will guarantee you further marks in the competition. In the meantime – keep up the good work.