

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOHERLAHAN**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	29	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	29	--
Tidiness	20	16	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	187	--

Boherlahan, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

We welcome Boherlahan back into the Competition and wish them every success in it. Thank you for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of Fás and your Local Authority, your School and, of course, your residents. In this connection Committees are being actively encouraged to produce a 3/5 year plan, the purpose of which is to identify environmental projects which could be undertaken over that period and carried out on a year-to-year basis within their physical and financial resources. This plan need not be elaborate or expensive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, Fás and local interests. Help and advice is also available from the South East Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) who have long experience of the Tidy Towns Competition. In the event of you producing such a plan please send a copy with next years entry form so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your Church, Parish Hall, School and Bianconi Chapel are being very well maintained and great credit is due to all concerned. The area around the village pump needs refurbishing and the rusted churn does nothing for the overall appearance of this nice facility. The wall at the Parish Hall is badly in need of painting.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping throughout the village looked very nice and the grounds of the Bianconi Chapel and the Church are being very well maintained. Flowers in the car park and in pots on the wall of the Church create a lovely atmosphere in that area and are obviously being well maintained. Planters, tubs of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes, where presented, create a wonderful ambience throughout the village. Landscaping which has taken place in the past is maturing very nicely. Part of your 3/5 year plan should be the identification of further areas for planting particularly of those trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. In this connection your Local Authority should be of assistance to you with help and advice. While open spaces are being well maintained they did, on adjudication day, need to be cut – probably due to the enhanced growth in wet weather.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. Perhaps initially you might consider the provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes for wild birds which would further enhance the attraction of the village. Perhaps this is something which your school children could take on as a project in their school grounds. You may

have somebody in your locality who is interested in wildlife who could give help and advice.

In addition, the Wildlife Officer of Duchas is available to advise on suitable projects. In the meantime you will receive the same marking as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

Boherlahan was practically litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Strategically placed litter bins were noted and the help which you are getting from your school children is apparent.

TIDINESS

The neat and tidy appearance of the village is an obvious reflection on the interest which your residents have on their living environment. Well done to all concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing estates are being well maintained as are their open spaces. Many of the houses in these estates and individual residences have lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. Great credit is due to all concerned. This individual effort is an important part of the Competition and you cannot succeed without it.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked well but again, due to the enhanced growth this year, were in need of cutting. Adjudication normally takes place from the village nameplate signs inwards and grass verges should be cut accordingly. This too is an important part of the Competition as approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces and pathways are in good condition and reflect greatly on your Local Authority. The painting of gates and gate pillars was noted on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Boherlahan is a village with a lovely atmosphere and environment and has the capacity to do extremely well in the Competition. Further progress will depend on planning and attention to detail and the Adjudicator looks forward to returning next year to see further progress made. It is also important, of course, to maintain what you have already done and, in this connection, keep up the good work.