

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford**

Ref: **725**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **181**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	26
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	175

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to this, your second year in the competition. Thank you for the map which was most helpful. From this map it can be seen that there are in fact seven approach roads into Broadford. This is a very large number to cover and it is to your credit that most of these approach roads were looking well on the day of adjudication. Broadford is also in the centre of the East Clare Walk and therefore needs to welcome and inform visitors to the town. In this regard, the display map and information provided is helpful. It is early days for the Committee of ten in the Competition and we would suggest, as the adjudicator did last year, that you now sit down and draw up a one page plan listing what you want to achieve in the next three years. Itemise the action required, including maintaining the projects already put in place, and put a target date on these in order to focus your work.

The Built Environment:

The School and Community Hall with its excellent window boxes were well presented. As indeed was the Church, but the surround wall needed painting here. Black spots are Vaughan's Lounge and the Post Office could do with some enhancement. There are also derelict buildings in the centre of the village and long term action for these needs to be planned. The buildings of the GAA Club House and the Broadford Sports and Leisure Centre are well presented but their grounds were untidy. The Garda Barracks was neat and tidy and nicely landscaped.

Landscaping:

The Riverside walk is an excellent achievement. The river was in spate on the day of adjudication and the waterfall was enchanting. Other planting around the town, including the hanging baskets on the bridge, were colourful and well maintained. The picnic table at the Bodyke junction is a good idea. However, some of the remainder of this green area should be used for nearby safe car parking so that people, outside of walkers, can utilise this facility.

The many mature trees around the village testify to the foresight of those gone before.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside walk and various planted areas contribute in this category.

Litter Control:

There was a little litter to be seen on the day but not too much.

Tidiness:

The town presented a reasonably tidy appearance, outside of the items mentioned above and kerbs were weed free throughout.

Residential Areas:

Private houses were very well presented, with a few notable exceptions. The two sections of infill housing were admired. No doubt you are encouraging these new residents to become involved in your efforts.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signage around the village and on all approach roads was well maintained and (as previously mentioned) most approach roads were well trimmed, with a few exceptions. Some rough roadside verges were noted throughout the village.

General Impression:

Broadford is a village that has great potential. We look forward to seeing progress in the years ahead.