

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Borris**

Ref: **571**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **225**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	225	221

Overall Developmental Approach:

The results of the combined effort of Carlow County Council, FAS, the Community Employment Scheme and, of course, your own community and committee was to be seen in Borris on adjudication day. The town looked extremely well. All the information you sent with the entry form including the map and the plan were most useful and the Adjudicator thanks your committee for it. The map was most helpful in identifying projects which have taken place this year and for which you will get credit later on in this report.

The Built Environment:

The Church and its surrounds, your Schools and the stone walls which are a characteristic of Borris again looked very well this year and reflect greatly on the environmental efforts of all concerned. Commercial premises again looked well, but some may perhaps be in need of refurbishment. Large scale factories and premises on the outskirts of the town are certainly making an effort to keep their premises tidy and the painting of one premises was in progress and noted on adjudication day.

Landscaping:

In this respect your map was most useful and your landscaping projects were visited and noted. The Park in the middle of the town looked very well but, on adjudication day, the grass was in need

of cutting. Individual efforts by way of tubs of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes is to be commended and created a very nice ambience in the town. In this respect and, as last year, many commercial premises undertook to provide these floral adornments and they are to be congratulated on it. Do give some extra thought to the planting of trees and shrubs particularly, in the case of the latter, those that will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Trees are for posterity and, in this respect, try to identify further areas where such planting could take place. Future generations will thank you for it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading regarding the railway embankment are noted and that research has indicated that there may in fact be some rare plants there already. Do however try to provide other wildlife projects where possible and in this respect the Tidy Towns Handbook will be of use to you.

Litter Control:

Borris was practically litter free on adjudication day, the only black spot being at the gates to Borris House where an amount of litter was to be seen. This is an important part of the competition and needs careful monitoring.

Tidiness:

Your comments regarding black spots are noted but, nevertheless, the town looked very neat and tidy and great credit is due to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Borris has a wonderful mixture of houses and architecture which creates a lovely atmosphere. In general houses are being well maintained and new houses in the process of being built will add greatly to the mixture of stock. More mature housing estates are also being very well maintained and many houses had lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads were well presented and road surfaces are quite good. Pathways are being well maintained. This reflects great credit on your County Council and is an important aspect of the overall competition. Well done to all concerned.

General Impression:

Slowly but surely Borris is progressing well in the competition and careful planning and attention to detail will provide further success in the future. Success, however, is not achieved overnight and continuous hard work and dedication by all concerned will bring its rewards.