

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford**

Ref: **393**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **193**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	25
The Built Environment	40	26	22
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	16	13
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	181

Overall Developmental Approach:

Documentation received consisting of entry form and sketch map was helpful. From the sketch map, the fact that Broadford is set in the heart of an scenic area of great interest with many roads out of the village leading to these lakeside and forest amenities is obvious. Therefore it is a gateway village, which should provide a pleasant welcoming appearance. This it does in many respects which will be mentioned during the report and also some areas where improvement could take place. It is unusual to note from your entry that the local community give you no assistance. As in previous reports we would urge that you draw up a simple 3/5 year plan identify targets and focus your efforts. One of these targets should be to motivate the local community to join with you in your endeavours as this is essential for success.

The Built Environment:

The built environment has improved with most business premises in the village well presented. No doubt there are plans for the site where Vaughan's Lounge used to be situated. The Church was well presented but the wall here still needed attention. The School, Community Hall and Garda Barracks were all looking well.

Landscaping:

Planting in the town and on the approach roads consisting of flower beds, hanging baskets and tubs was admired. These areas were well maintained and colourful. The riverside park needed some attention as the path here was rather weedy and the metal seat at the village entrance needed painting. However, the grass was nicely cut.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As mentioned, you are surrounded by countryside abounding with flora and fauna. However, you might consider undertaking a specific wildlife project in the future – suggestions may be found for same in the Tidy Towns Handbook.

Litter Control:

On the village street no litter was to be seen and the litter bin at the petrol pumps was full. However, at the picnic area in the park there was a considerable amount of litter which looked as if it had been there for some time. This was despite the fact that there was a litter bin adjacent which is disappointing.

Tidiness:

Broadford had a tidier appearance than in previous years and kerbs were weed free throughout. One or two pockets of untidiness were noted, mostly on the approach roads.

Residential Areas:

Most private houses in and around Broadford were well presented. As with many other villages, new housing is being built in the area at present. As well as encouraging the existing residents of Broadford to become involved with your endeavours to make it the best place it can be, these new people should also be approached for assistance.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces were mixed in Broadford and on the many approach roads. Some road works were taking place on the day of adjudication. The approach roads were well trimmed and signage was good throughout.

General Impression:

On a sunny July day Broadford was looking well and we look forward to continued progress in the future.

