

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Brosna**

Ref: **192**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **196**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	
The Built Environment	40	25	
Landscaping	40	25	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	32	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	21	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	
General Impression	10	6	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>196</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome back to the competition after a lapse of four years. It is some years since this adjudicator visited Brosna and the changes area indeed significant. The village has improved and you are now embarking on projects not considered before, so well done. We welcome also your outline of work on hand and plans for improvement. Your challenge now is to bring the community with you and liaise with the other agencies listed on your submission. The village is well positioned to progress in the competition.

### The Built Environment:

You have on very lengthy linear street divided in two by the square. The public buildings looked well but some need improvement. The hall is a disappointment and should be tackled for next year. It does not even have an identity. The church walls should be cleaned and if this is successful you should consider cleaning the church itself. We commend the GAA on a wonderful display of painting on this important approach. Pubs are well presented and some have attractive flower displays.

### Landscaping:

Landscaping is mostly of an individual nature. The landscaping of former years is now in need of attention and should be cleaned up before embarking on new development. We would urge you to

do a main street tree planting blitz. This would have a very beneficial effect and, if coupled with some traffic calming and improved street layout would transform the main street from one of continuous building to one of an attractive mixture of streetscape and landscaping. You should contact the Co. Council for discussion. You have erected many stone walls in recent years and these should now be matched by landscaping. The landscaping around the group water scheme is excellent and a model for others to pursue.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

You have potential for raising your marks under this section and the attractive river offers endless opportunity for progress. The river area at the bridge is ideal for development and you should do a scheme for an amenity development and discuss with the landowners. The square is in need of better layout and needs to be more defined. We suggest a landscaping scheme and marked out car parking space to soften the bareness of it.

### **Litter Control:**

The last time this adjudicator judged Brosna it had serious litter problems. This year the village was almost free from litter and this is praiseworthy, so well done. Litter control is everybody's business and is a community responsibility.

### **Tidiness:**

Your problems here relate a good deal of dereliction and poorly presented open spaces in need of attention. You should also shy away from chainlink fencing which belongs a former era. The landscaping at the Castleisland approach is poor in presentation and the large landscaped area on the embankment is poor and dull.

### **Residential Areas:**

Houses in and around the village are well presented and some individuals have excellent gardens. The housing estate needs an identity sign and improvement to boundary walls.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Approach roads are, without exception, in need of grass cutting. The approach roads were very overgrown on the longest day of the year. The vista from the GAA field is superb with rolling hills in the background. The rear entrance of the housing estate is poor and we noticed an abandoned car here. Throughout the village you have many rusty gates needing painting and if the owners won't paint them you should do so yourselves.

### **General Impression:**

It was a welcome site to witness the many changes in Brosna and to learn of your intentions for improvement. You need to agree your plans with the community and phase your development over three to five years. There is no shortcut to successful tidy towns and all the success stories throughout the country will vouch for that. We wish you well in your endeavours.