

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bansha**

Ref: **399**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **211**

Category: **B**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	207

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. It is encouraging to read that, for your efforts, you have the assistance of South Tipperary County Council, Fás and local clubs in terms of fund-raising which is very encouraging. The plan submitted is very progressive and, in the event of implementation, will greatly enhance Bansha. However there is a very heavy dependence on other agencies for the work to be carried which will very much depend on their physical and financial resources. In the meantime you should try to identify under the various headings of the competition projects which, you as a committee, could carry out in Bansha which will have the effect of you gaining additional marks. You received an in depth report from the Adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

The Built Environment:

All public buildings in Bansha were visited on adjudication day and, in the main, were very well presented. These included the Churches, Post Office, the Credit Union building, the Health Centre, the GAA, and Bansha Castle. The Churchlike building facing the back entrance to the GAA pitch is badly in need of refurbishment and the vandalised Pink House is indeed a problem. The recycling area and the Golden approach road was visited but there did not appear to be any new fencing. Perhaps this would come later in the year. Commercial premises, in the main, look very well and, overall, both public and commercial buildings in the village are being very well maintained and

reflect great credit on those involved with them.

Landscaping:

The landscaping around the GAA wall is maturing nicely as indeed is that provided throughout the village. The Grotto again looks very nice this year and open spaces, in general, are being well maintained. One or two however, on adjudication day, were in need of cutting. Part of your future planning could be the development of further landscaping by way of trees, shrubs and flowers in the many open spaces which Bansha is fortunate to have which, in the event, will not only look well but will also gain you additional marks in the competition. Further tree planting, in particular, is to be encouraged. Existing trees look very well and greatly enhance the village. Further tree planting would be for the future and posterity will thank you for it. Many commercial premises had hanging baskets, window boxes and containerised planting which, in turn, added to the overall appearance of the village and they are to be commended for it.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Adjudicator last year referred to the possibility of using the School grounds for a project under this heading. Please do give it serious consideration using the best advice you can get. Such a project will also, in turn, gain you additional marks in the competition. Your open spaces, your School grounds and your riverbank present many opportunities for such a project.

Litter Control:

Regrettably there was a lot of litter to be seen in Bansha on adjudication day. This was mainly on the approach roads, in the open spaces in the middle of the village, in some housing estates and, in particular, in the area of the recycling bins. While you cannot be accountable for litter created by passing traffic, at the same time, there is a need for a major anti litter campaign to be undertaken in Bansha through talking to your residents and to your schools. This is an important matter in the Tidy Towns competition and will continue to militate against future success until such time as a solution is found. It is a pity indeed to see the lovely photographs of the children collecting the litter and then, on adjudication day, to find that the situation has not greatly improved to any extent.

Tidiness:

In spite of the litter problem, the village, nevertheless was presented in a neat and tidy manner. There is some evidence of untidiness around the back streets but generally speaking the majority of people are doing a good job in improving their living environment. Please do remember that adjudication takes place all over the village, not just the main centres.

Residential Areas:

Comments made by the Adjudicator last year under this heading still apply. Individual houses looked very nice as indeed do those in the Galtee View estate and the Church View estate albeit that, in some cases, some refurbishment may be required. Many gardens were in full bloom on adjudication day. They looked lovely and, in the process, added greatly to the overall appearance of the village. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Most approach roads looked reasonably well with, in some cases, evidence of strimming. Road surfaces in general are good and pathways are being well maintained. Road signs in general are in good condition and looked well.

General Impression:

Bansha is a very pleasant village which, admittedly suffers from an enormous amount of traffic. Nevertheless it has many areas of opportunity for improvement in the competition which will come from attention to detail and careful planning. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Bansha next year and to seeing further success through the implementation of the main plan and indeed any specific local efforts under the various headings of the competition which will encourage the granting of additional marks. Most importantly, do continue to maintain what you already have as it is the backbone of your entry.