

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford**

Ref: **207**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **193**

Category: **A**

Date: **22/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	193	193

Overall Developmental Approach:

The Broadford Development Association is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for including a map of the village. However, your entry form was submitted in a very incomplete manner. We would again urge you to prepare a one page plan to help you focus on targets for future development in the village.

The Built Environment:

The Sports & Leisure Centre and Garda Station were in good order. The Church and School buildings were also in good condition, but their outside walls need painting. Danny's Bar was also well presented. The vacant site beside Vaughan's Pub is very unsightly and located in a very prominent position. There are also two or three buildings on the Bodyke Road in need of attention. The refurbishment of the Church of Ireland cemetery and gate is worth considering in your future development plans.

Landscaping:

The various plant containers situated around the village were admired, as were the planted areas by the Church and Moloney's Food Store. Perhaps a suitable site could be identified in the village – beside the Eircom Building – which could be planted as a wild flower meadow?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator enjoyed a stroll along the Riverside Walk, but noted that the one remaining seat needs painting, as does the frame and uprights on the map at the entrance. There is an opportunity to plant, if not already done so, some spring bulbs on the riverbank, adding spring colour to the walk.

Litter Control:

The village on the day was fairly free of litter, except for a light sprinkling in one or two areas, but particularly all along the kerbs by the Eircom building.

Tidiness:

The village was generally tidy and the kerbs were mainly weed free. The Bring Bank in the parking area of the Garda Station was blocked by cars. Suggest this be relocated to another area in the village with better access and not so visible from the road.

Residential Areas:

The new housing development is well presented with a very tasteful colour scheme. It is too early to judge the other housing development which is under construction, but perhaps you will have an opportunity to encourage the developer to complete the project to a high standard, removing all building materials, and to landscape the area with some good native Irish trees – birch, rowan, beech.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The roads were in good condition. All the signs at the various approaches need cleaning/painting. One of the signs is obscured by an ESB pole and perhaps this could be moved a little way up the road.

General Impression:

Broadford Village nestles amidst a wonderful natural woodland setting. It is surrounded by Doon and other lakes, which no doubt attract anglers and other visitors from home and abroad. We thank you for your efforts and wish you well in the future.