

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Brosna**

Ref: **22**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **200**

Category: **B**

Date: **19/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	196

Overall Developmental Approach:

Considerable progress has been achieved in recent times in Brosna. From a distance approaching from Castleisland the village looks very crisp and colourful. The church and the couple of very strongly coloured buildings stand out. The committee of seven needs to form a plan including all the work that the village wishes to get done, next a schedule can be drawn up over a five-year period and progress can be measured each year against this. Such a plan focuses the mind clearly on the objectives.

The Built Environment:

The construction of footpaths has been a major task to date and good improvements are made in this area. The footpath in the new cemetery was noted. The square is an important focal point of the village. The stonewall at the graveyard with planning was noted. The Community centre needs some attention. There are many well painted and presented buildings all along this single street village and great credit is due to all those who look after their houses or shop premises so well – giving a very clean and bright appearance to the village. There are a number of buildings – well known to the committee, where some upgrading is needed. Also the derelict buildings always present a problem. The stonework at the bridge is very attractive and gives a lovely entrance to the village. The Wall at the GAA looks well again this year and forms a nice presentation. Some old red roofed sheds in poor condition are not the most pleasant and either paint or their removal appears the only options. The old ball alley appears to be very neglected and it is difficult to know the solution for so many of

these around the country. The old creamery also poses a difficulty. Some new building projects were noted.

Landscaping:

The hanging baskets add a great sparkle of colour to the village. The planting at the triangle by the bridge has developed well and forms an attractive entry point. The shrubs along by the graveyard wall in the square provide a pleasant appearance to the graveyard. The entrance to the Terraces is very neglected with grass long and uncared for. Tree planting should become a priority in any future plans. The area is richly surrounded with trees. By including even a few trees within the village this will help unite the village with the surrounding landscape. Nice clearing work has been done on the roadside boundary above the square - revealing the natural stonewall but retaining the hedge above. Individual gardens play an important part in contributing to the overall landscape of the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river offers great potential for wild life observation. If there were a possibility of access to the riverside from the road – this would be very welcome. Ideally a riverside walk is the best option and this could be worked on by approaching the necessary

Litter Control:

Litter control is very good especially toward the upper end of the town where there are particularly clean surfaces. Small amounts of litter were noted only.

The recycle bins are well placed out of sight by the cemetery.

Tidiness:

There is a good level of tidiness through the town. The old creamery and some other derelict buildings continue to present a challenge. Grass weeds at the foot of the kerbing opposite the old creamery give an untidy appearance – as do any kerbside weeds along roads. The building in progress at the moment causes some disruption – this is temporary only and a watchful eye should be kept so that the site is fully reinstated when the work is complete. The removal of overhead wires would be welcome and lobbying should be done to achieve this especially at the square.

Residential Areas:

Most of the houses are individual houses along the roads of the village; these and the street side houses are in good condition. Houses at the Terraces look well but the surrounding grass is not attractive.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are good through the village. The back way by the Garda station is well surfaced. A path would be helpful towards the new cemetery. The approach roads are attractive yet a watchful eye must be kept on the grass verges because of the narrowness of the roads

General Impression:

Good progress is being made in Brosna. There is a very clean appearance on entering the village. The continued work will yield further benefits in the village.

