

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford** Ref: **444**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **241**
Category: **B** Date(s): **13/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	34
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	31
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	241

Overall Development Approach:

Broadford is again welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006. Thank you for your well completed entry form, including your future plans, and well-drawn and detailed map, which was most useful. It is noted that you receive support for your endeavours from FAS, Limerick County Council, the Department of the Environment and local businesses.

The Built Environment:

The two newly completed dwellings very much improve the streetscape, along with the lovely Curramore close by. The clearing up of the two derelict sites in the centre of the village was noted. Many buildings were well presented, including the Carnegie Library 1917; the School and playing area; as was the Church and grounds and Resource Centre/National School 1870 building. Painting was underway at The Old Forge Inn, the Nunan Farm Machinery premises looked well, as did The Village Inn. The lower section of the walls of the O'Suilleabhan's; M O'Riordan; PO, and Credit Union all need cleaning (probably due to recent road works, noted in Roads section below). Some other business premises need painting including, Foley's Bridge House, Moloney's and the Snack Box. Very much liked the use of artwork at the Broadford Co-op building. Noted a sign For Sale on the site by the Arboretum, and hopefully this will improve what presently is very unsightly beside such a lovely amenity. You have many plans for the improvement of the village, i.e. footpath widening, redevelopment of the derelict sites and naming the streets and terraces in Irish, and we wish you well with these.

Landscaping:

The two green areas with seating and refurbished old farm machinery are very attractive on the Newcastle approach. The planting of native Rowan trees, potentillas and hypericums at Lios Dara and the landscaping at Carramore looked very well. The summer bedding planting on the top of the Broadford stone signs very

much caught the eye. And the stainless steel planters outside the Church were very smart planted with ageratums and petunias. The window boxes at The Village Inn were most attractive. Up by the Handball Alley, the raised beds with their cheery marigolds looked well. The planting around Carramore is lovely, as is the planting at the FAS assisted Millennium garden. Some business owners and private dwellers could be encouraged to add some suitable floral displays to enhance their premises.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Broadford is well served in this category being located so close to the Mullaghareirk Mountains/Trail, and having the River running through the village. The adjudicator enjoyed the Arboretum experience; the bird song was wonderful, and was an ideal place for a quiet picnic lunch. Please discourage the dumping of garden waste by the Fern area. Congratulations on the appointment of a Botanist, and the organisation of a study of plant life in the Arboretum by the local schoolchildren. The map of the Mountain Trail located by the O Brudair monument is very useful for visitors. And good luck with your plans to develop a Park at the riverside by John Paul Terrace. Keep up the good work in this category.

Litter Control:

On the day of adjudication the litter bins all needed cleaning (roadworks), and there was a sprinkling of litter throughout the village, but the situation was bad in front of the Snack Box premises, even though there are two litter bins available for use. At the entrance to the Arboretum a yellow container of litter had been overturned and strewn about the area. Please continue to encourage residents to keep Broadford Litter Free.

Waste Minimisation:

Your submission notes that the school has developed and is successfully operating a litter segregation programme, and that the use of the Bring Bank has increased since its relocation by the old Co-op. As this is a new category for 2006, your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes and the participation of the School in the Green Schools initiative, etc. The Environmental Section of Limerick County Council may also provide some useful information.

Tidiness:

Road sweeping had just commenced on the Abbeyfeale Road, and generally the village looked tidy. But the weeds between the paving stones at the Grotto need attention, as do the weeds outside the Nunan business premises. Good luck with your plans to have the overhead cables placed underground.

Residential Areas:

Broadford presented well in this category with the newer estates of Curramore and Lios Dara looking very smart, and the terraces of John Paul and St Mary's well maintained, although some of the outside walls need repair. And many of the other private dwellings were also well presented, including the two new houses already mentioned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Many of the signs were in good condition but others need attention, and it is noted that you have plans for the replacement of all the road signs. The road surfaces were mainly good, but resurfacing had taken place recently on the Abbeyfeale side of the village and had been left in an incomplete state with loose chippings all about, and this resulted in some of the premises on that side of the village being covered in dirt and dust. The Tullylease Road area is in need of a facelift.

General Impression:

Broadford is a very busy village, and has much to offer to visitors and locals. Your committee has been working in a very determined manner to improve the overall standing of the village in the Competition, and we wish you well with your future plans.