

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Brosna** Ref: **276**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **219**
Category: **B** Date(s): **07/07/2007**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2007 |
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| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 33 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 26 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 25 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 17 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 33 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 3 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 30 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 30 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 219 |

Overall Development Approach:

Brosna is welcome to the 2007 Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for your submission. Brosna is a village that has retained its feeling of community. Much work has been done since last year so well done on that achievement. If you currently don't have one, the creation of a long term strategic plan regarding tasks you wish to undertake would assist you to achieve your goals. Submission of this plan as part of your Tidy Towns application would also assist us understand more about what you are seeking to achieve as a community.

The Built Environment:

The school was well presented on the day of adjudication. The church and grounds are beautifully presented and the Garda station are well kept. The graveyard has some rubbish including old stonework that appears to have been collected but not removed as yet. Most of the houses and shops in the main street are well painted and kept with one or two exceptions of private properties. Most of the shops and houses in the main street are well maintained and painted.

Landscaping:

The square is quite a large area that is quite stark in its current form. Landscaping would help to soften this area. Presumption is that the square is used quite heavily when services are held and it is noted that any landscaping would need to still allow considerable vehicle parking. Car parks marked out would assist in the appearance and also with regulating parking. It was noted that one house on the incoming road had several sculptures in their garden. Perhaps if they are an artist it may be possible to display a suitable sculpture in the square area with an accompanying of planting. Alternatively, a central planting or plantings on the outskirts of the square would also act to brighten the area. Seats in this area would also help to truly turn this into a "village square".

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is noted that a sign for Mounteagle walk is a planned project. The recommendation from last year to adopt a wildlife project for the village is recommended. This may be a project that is undertaken in conjunction with the school. The sport field at the GAA was well kept, however there was some areas that needed to be weeded in the grounds. It was noted that there does appear to be some landscaping projects underway here.

Litter Control:

Litter control was very high in the village. All shops had bins outside but it would still be recommended to add one or two more on the main street. It is noted that this is a project that you are currently undertaking as is the investigation into moving the recycling bins.

Waste Minimisation:

The Bring bank and surrounding area was Tidy and well kept. Further promotion of recycling to businesses, residents and students would help minimise waste for your town. This could be done through given a presentation or supplying signage encouraging recycling. Any new bins purchased for the town could also have recycling areas.

Tidiness:

The majority of the footpaths were free of weeds in the main street were free of weeds, so well done on this. It is noted the amount of work that must have gone into this particular task. It is also noted your participation in National Spring Clean so well done on this.

Residential Areas:

The new residential development at the top of the town looks very good. It is also good to see the footpath extending to this area. Some of the houses on the right hand side if you are coming down the hill have a pedestrian area at the front that is a bit weedy.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The stone wall leading up to the school is very nicely done. The accompanying footpath is well surfaced and of good width to allow mothers with children in strollers easy access to walk to the school from the village. The new estate is still under construction but it is presumed the road will be fixed upon completion. Some of the road and footpaths in the main street are cracked and patchy. However, it is noted that you have made great improvements on this from last year so well done on this.

General Impression:

Brosna is a growing small community town that is working to improve the town. Completion of the new footpath and stonewall are great achievements. The continuation of improving surfaces in the main street will increase the towns accessibility and appearance