

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford** Ref: **359**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **249**
Category: **B** Date(s): **18/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	34
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	249

Overall Development Approach:

Broadford is welcome to the 2007 Tidy towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which includes photographs and which facilitated adjudication. Your liaison with statutory bodies and other agencies not to mention local schools is acknowledged and applauded, this type of proactive approach is necessary to make significant progress in the competition. Your achievements to date are acknowledged.

The Built Environment:

Well done on the painting of the school railings outside of the gate. We wish you success in the installation of a weather-vane or other appropriate feature on the school tower and with the provision of a new bus shelter. The school, church and parish house were all nicely presented as were the pub, betting office and hairdressers.

Landscaping:

The general maintenance of existing flowerbeds and shrubberies is acknowledged. The 'Timber Woods' sculpture is a novel and fun creation and no doubt stimulates a lot of interest. It is important to choose native species of trees and other plants in future planting schemes to facilitate a diversity of wildlife habitats and where possible choose species growing locally in the surrounding countryside. Grassed verges are being nicely maintained and young trees are maturing well to provide a legacy for future generations and stands of mature trees on the southern entrance form a stately entrance to the village. The picnic area is charming and flower displays were colourful and profuse.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Eco-Park is a valuable and worthwhile initiative both for itself and as an educational tool for schoolchildren, well done to those involved! We wish you every success in acquiring funding for the proposed Ecology Audit; be sure to include it in your submission when complete as it this kind of initiative which can help you progress significantly in the competition. The small park and grave yard at Tobar Choill is charming and the eagle sculpture together with the bog oak are impressive. Congratulations on the resurfacing of the path to the bog. It is being maintained to the highest standard and silver birch and rowan trees are attractive.

Litter Control:

Congratulations on both the weekly litter pick-ups and the maintenance of the recycling point free of dumped rubbish. If you participate in the National Spring Clean let us have the details together with other litter control activities. Litter control was excellent on adjudication day.

Waste Minimisation:

The installation of a community composter in the Eco Park will no doubt reduce the volume of waste generated in Broadford and it is good to note the participation of the local schoolchildren. Have you considered encouraging the school to participate in the Green Flag Programme?

Tidiness:

Your proactive approach in the management of illegal dumping within Broadford is acknowledged. The problem of vandalism is one shared by almost every community in the competition, don't tire of dealing with it, your response sends out an important message to vandals. A few weedy kerbs were noted and low bare banks looked a bit untidy.

Residential Areas:

Well done on the overall presentation of residential developments most of which looked exceptionally well, Mill Race Lawns were especially admired and some individual gardens are noteworthy for their attractiveness.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Do keep us informed on your progress with improvements to Clonuff Bridge. Hopefully the speed bumps will have the desired effect. Name plates and the 'Welcome' stone are attractive; perhaps you can provide more attractive height barriers for the church car park which is otherwise well presented? A stretch of footpath and kerb outside of the church is in need of refurbishment.

General Impression:

Illegal dumping and vandalism appear to be your major issues however these were not apparent on the day due no doubt to the hard work of the committee and work parties.