

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Broadford** Ref: **62**
County: **Clare** Mark: **208**
Category: **A** Date(s): **23/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	26
The Built Environment	50	27
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	22
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	208

Overall Development Approach:

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Thank you for the completed application form and sketch map of your village. Unfortunately as in last year there was no work plan as a plan allows one to have measurable benchmarks to work to your entry form. Again this year did not indicate any great level of actual co-operation with other local community ory??(pg1) or Clare County Council. Again I would urge you to consider inviting new members on board at your next Bi Monthly meeting and put together a work plan for 2007. Broadford has the potential to succeed.

The Built Environment:

The standard in this category is a little mixed, some excellent premises and homesteads to be seen, but unfortunately there were some obvious derelict premises that need to be tackled as they spoil the overall attractiveness of Broadford. I appreciate that this is a delicate matter in a small rural village but maybe the committee could approach the owners of one or two in particular. The derelict building close to the church which is hoped to be developed will add greatly to Broadford and its dereliction problems. The church in its elevated position overlooking the village was well ???(pg2), the GAA club grounds and the school however boundary wall may need to be replaced from a health and safety point of view. Alongside Broadford Sport & Leisure Centre would benefit from a paint make over. The ??? (pg3) houses opposite Moloneys Video Shop were very well presented with their hanging baskets ?? plenty?? (Pg3) of etc. Owners to be commended.

Landscaping:

The hanging baskets by the bridge together with the beautifully mature trees close by made a very nice picture on one of the better days this summer. Well done to all concerned. The seating area on approach road to Tulla was very pleasant however, planting would add to this area greatly bringing some much needed colour to the area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside walk is a wonderful asset to your village for both locals and visitors alike. The bi lingual notice board by the seating area is an excellent source of information on Broadford and the extended area. Do you consider the recommendation from last year's report of getting the N.S. Children involved in a wildlife competition that would bring new ideas to the fore in this category, and possible enlisting the help of a local wildlife enthusiast to give guidance on setting up such a competition?

Litter Control:

The standard of litter was not acceptable. Town Bins were overflowing, riverside walk litter visible on both starting points, again bins supplied were overflowing. This problem will have to be addressed. Again as recommended in last year's report the importance of the involvement in the anti-litter movement in conjunction with the principal of the N.S. The area between Vaughan's Pub and R.S.W. needs to be addressed.

Waste Minimisation:

The bottle bank needs also to be addressed – they need to be addressed. Litter and Bottles surrounded some on the day of adjudication. Again it would be advisable to engage with schools on the green schools programme. A useful source of information on this project would be www.raceagainstwaste.ie

Tidiness:

Reference was made earlier to the number of derelict properties that exist in the village. Good news on the derelict site close to the church which has been bought by developers. The problem with all building sites is that invariably they can be messy. I would hope that the developers involved with the endeavour to jeep areas around such sites as tidy as possible. Other than a few po?? (pg5) of kerbside residence the roadside were clean. However, kerbside weeding needs to be addressed.

Residential Areas:

As previously mentioned the houses opposite Moloney's Video Foodstore were presented to a very high standard, this should act as a hallmark for other such areas.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main entrances to the village were of a good standard – keep up the good work.

General Impression:

The improvements to date have been impressive and the committee is to be commended for tackling a number of issues. Please continue with your endeavours. We wish you well with your work plan and look forward to visiting Broadford again in the near future.