

Tidy Towns Competition 2014

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Brosna** Ref: **276**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **259**
Category: **B** Date(s): **16/06/2014**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	35
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	31
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	32
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	28
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	33
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	31
TOTAL MARK	450	259

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Thank you for the filled up entry form that contains a good map of the area. I did not find a three/five year plan. It is strongly recommended that each group should draw up a three to five year plan of work to be done. This does not need to be an elaborate document, and only work that you are capable of doing should be planned. Where possible professional advice should be gained and adhered to during works. You could organise a general meeting of all parties in the parish and ask the people to put forward proposals of what they would like to be done in your area. At a second meeting your TidyTowns group could refine all the proposals, and this could be your plan for the next few years. I note you have 5 committee members and hold six meetings per year. Good to find that the agencies, bodies and 3 local businesses are supporting your efforts. Contact with the local school is very important, and we note they assist in clean ups. There is a good community spirit built up in Brosna as a result of your continuous entry in the competition, and this leaves your place a better place to visit and live in. This is a good approach to the competition.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

The old creamery building seems to be left idle and it could be great if some art work was done on the windows that could enliven it a bit. The Sportsfield bar and Fay's store stand out, but there are other well kept places. I liked the grotto and the splendid cut- stone church, where the gate needs to be painted. The disused Garda Barracks looks well with nice flowers in boxes on the windows. Brosna parish hall is well maintained, and the school is in great condition with the tarmac yard and nice lawn. The handball alley is now a historical feature

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

There is nice landscaping in many places notably at the corner for the school. There are lovely traditional stone walls in Brosna. The trees look well in the containers but as outlined in last year's report they would do much better if planted directly into the ground. The village was adorned with lovely tubs of flowers. Along the sides of the road there is an abundance of wildflowers including foxglove, cow parsley, oxeye daisies and butter cups plus many others, and they remind us that they too have a role to play.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

John Cahill points out in his letter that you studied the biodiversity of various habitats and the effect of human behaviour on these habitats. The construction of a log pile and dry stone wall are excellent ways of harbouring insects and other wildlife. It is delightful to see the interest shown in the wildlife and we congratulate Mr Cahill and his team. There is a lovely walk down to the well and Millennium Garden, men were cutting the grass, but we are reminded that the grass should not be collected as it causes pollution and we saw some signs of this. In this area

we enjoy the singing of the birds and are up close to the many habitats.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

The wonderful achievements at the school in getting their fifth green flag is applauded, and they have followed on this by getting the water tank. This is quite educational for the children and their parents will follow up on it. I read a letter sent with your entry by John Cahill, Green Schools Co-ordinator, and he kindly provides good information on what is being done in the school. In regard to the treatment of waste we are pleased to find that they promote growing your own to reduce "air miles". The composting is also taking place which is the right way forward and the mention of grass going to compost is noted and an effective way of disposing of it. However it is recommended that grass cut in open spaces should not be collected when cut on a regular basis, and instead left where it falls.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

It is interesting to find that you have removed all the litter bins and good to learn that this working out well for you. Brosna is looking all the better for the attention paid to it in the four clean ups. I was delighted with the condition of the lovely graveyard with the white wall. A rusty shed is out of place going to the graveyard, and it could be great if it was removed. There were lots of weeds all over the main street, but cables underground make for great freshness to the localities.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

There are lots of well kept town houses and the people show a distinct pride of place attitude. The housing estates are very well maintained; Cois Chydagh has well kept greens, young trees and nice houses. Cois na hAbhann is also well maintained with the defined parking spaces.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

There is a good car park outside the church and we see you are in touch with the County Council about the freshening up of the lanes for parking. I admired the great bell and it is a fine historical item. There is a nicely kept roundabout and the cut stone stands out of a fiddler.