

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BAILIEBORO**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 25 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 12 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 21 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 25 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 12 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 5 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 158 |

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Clearly you are doing excellent work in conjunction with your FAS schemes and your wall building project is to be commended. From your very useful application form, it is obvious that you are aware of the problems and addressing them as best you can. It would be very helpful to yourselves to make a plan for this so that by following it year by year over a matrix of time you could point to your achievements.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your development of the amenity area at Institute Road is to be commended and has gained you some marks under this heading. The town lake amenity area development could gain you very many valuable marks within this new category provided you do not over - prettify it but rather develop it as a natural walk. You have the potential within your town area to do very well in this category.

LANDSCAPING

In field sites still mitigate against you having an overall Tidy Towns impression given to the visitor, therefore you need think about landscaping these in field sites and levelling them out and improving them, perhaps with the co-operation of the owners on an ad-hoc temporary basis even.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Garda Barracks was noted as being good as was the Lemon Tree Pub and congratulations to the National Irish Bank who showed the other financial institutions just how it can be done! On the other hand the telephone exchange was simply dreadful and Telecom should be approached in this regard at an early stage.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a noted absence of litter on the day of adjudication, you have therefore scored reasonably well in this category. It is allied however to the next category of tidiness which required a number of areas to be addressed.

TIDINESS

It is difficult for you with such broad streets, poor paving and road surfaces as at present to engender a real sense of tidiness. It is not helped also by a marked reluctance in some areas of the town to address grass cutting. Notably for instance, was the children's play area which despite previous comments in adjudications, remains a desolate area in what should be a charming and attractive, tidy looking play amenity for children from the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again your Achilles Tendon is the residential areas. It is surprising that the residents on the terraces overlooking Town Lake have not been persuaded to take in hand the broad green swords in front of their houses and do something with them. Otherwise private housing on the Virginia Road including Rose Cottage were exemplary as were houses on the Institute Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A very high standard of verge cutting and tidiness as one approached the town was evident yet again. It is regretted that last year's remarks regarding the gravel pits manned on the roadsides by the County Council were not taken to task by the local authority. It really is sad that Rose Cottage should be marred in this way and that such a wrong sense of approach be given to the town. Similarly outside the Church of

Ireland, gravel was piled for no better reason than it was convenient - simply not good enough. The improvements on the Virginia Road were noted and the excellent planting undertaken noted. This is an excellent development which will pay off in the years to come. Most of the back streets have improved considerably and it was heartening to see the domestic houses on the back streets responding so positively to your efforts.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bailieboro continues to do well in the competition and under the new format, has the opportunity to gather marks not available to every other town. Keep up the good work, focus on the things you can achieve and on solving the problems that are so evident and you will do very well.