

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BAWNBOY**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator welcomes your initiative with regard to the formulation of a Village Enhancement Plan. Well in advance of next year's effort it would help considerably if such a plan were in place and your support from appropriate state agencies confirmed in time. Such a plan will require a co-ordinated effort and if properly managed will achieve progress. As mentioned in last years report a greater level of interest is very necessary.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You should identify the wildlife habitats of your area and establish what species of birds, animals etc they attract. The river is an amenity worth investigating in this regard and the possibility of a country walk should also be considered.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The existing areas of landscaping and planting would look much better if maintained on a regular basis. The high embankment on the Enniskillen approach was untidy in appearance and is most suitable for the planting of shrubs etc. The narrow strip (last year's report) was nicely presented and is maturing well. The adjudicator has noted involvement of a Local FAS Scheme and this should benefit you greatly. It is evident that work had started. However, a lot is still required. Your plans to do more planting at sites to be determined will add greatly to the landscaping attractiveness of the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The fact that you have no nominations under section C of the questionnaire reflects the urgent need for an up-grading of buildings in general. Exceptions can be identified in the case of the Church (Ballinamore Rd.), Garda station, St. Mogue's College, and the Filling Station (Shell) should look well when all is finished. You had identified problems relating to derelict buildings and the adjudicator is pleased to note you are giving this priority.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Congratulations - you have performed well under this heading. Your public relations visits to schools have been worthwhile. The village was litter free on adjudication day - do check the river for indiscriminate dumping. Replace the damaged litter bins.

### **TIDINESS**

The council hut and materials on the Ballyconnell approach again created an untidy introduction to the village - however, the adjudicator noted some improvement in the overall tidiness of Bawnboy. Keep up the good work.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some well presented private houses were noted. In particular the cottages on the Ballinamore Road and Glenview which was magnificently presented with window boxes and a colourful and attractively landscaped garden. In general an acceptable level of performance under this heading - the need for a co-ordinated effort should be encouraged.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Some improvements under this heading. However, all verges should be trimmed and grass removed to enhance the presentation of all approaches to the village. Village nameplates and directional signs need

cleaning to create a bright and fresh appearance. Boundary areas could be presented better and the greater use of hanging baskets and flower tubs would enhance the streetscape. Street furniture including directional signs in some cases need to be cleaned or replaced.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

An improved performance this year. Although, it would appear that your FAS Scheme started late, you are on the right track. Hopefully you will, with the co-operation of Cavan County Council, have a formal Village Enhancement Programme in place for next year. This will help to expedite progress. Derelict/dilapidated buildings in the area of the Main Street are still a major problem - seek the advice and guidance of your local authority in this regard. A greater commitment on the part of the local community will be necessary if you are to implement the recommendations of a planned programme of work for 1997. You are making steady progress - keep it up.