

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BELTURBET**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	300	198

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Good to have Belturbet back in the competition yet again. With the considerable improvement in the town over the last number years and the prosperity ensuing from the Shannon-Erne Waterway it is only proper that you should be back in there seeking a place in the awards of the Tidy Towns Competition. Make a plan now (perhaps with the help of the I.F.I.?) and put it before your community asking them to endorse it and to follow it closely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Belturbet Island and the Riverside Amenity Park both offer particular opportunity to Belturbet to do well in this category. Utilise these marvellous facilities. Put in place a wildlife protection plan, perhaps see about placing duck havens etc. along the banks. Put up information for the many overseas visitors who will be coming into the village in the years to come. Seek help from your local wildlife experts.

LANDSCAPING

The general townscape is much improved. The new footpaths, the very nice newel stones, the flower boxes on the streets all contribute to a very nice sense of pride in your town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Here Belturbet scores very well. The churches of all denominations are doing an excellent job of putting colour and style into the grounds of their churches and cemeteries. The library building and the lovely old houses are clearly well thought of and protected by the proud people of Belturbet. A note of warning, please continue to get rid of plastic signs and improving shopfronts.

LITTER CONTROL

It was tremendous to report that there was little or no litter to be seen on the day of the visit and again Belturbet scored highly in this category.

TIDINESS

There was a great sense of tidiness throughout the town, particularly in the back streets, along the side roads all adding up to a town that has pride in itself.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate near the Industrial Estate was noted for its tidiness, although more colour might have been used here. Saint Marys Terrace had lovely small gardens, very well cared for. A note to the County Council perhaps might persuade them to give more parking here to the residents and allow them further to enhance their area. The private houses behind the Church of Ireland and also on the road to the Emerald Star Marina were particularly note worthy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Welcome signs as you approach the town were good and the meandering back streets when you go up there were in excellent order. Noteworthy also was the Cavan road approach and the shopping centre was very well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Belturbet can go far in the Tidy Towns Competition. Get rid of those plastic signs, mind your existing vernacular architecture and allow development only when it is to the overall good of the style of the town. Looking forward to visiting you again.