

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BUTLERSBRIDGE**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	30
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You are progressing steadily and obviously have established a good working relationship with Cavan County Council. Butlersbridge continues to impress this adjudicator and the support from the community is a major factor in your progress to-date. You completed your questionnaire in great detail and it was disappointing to note from same that some business premises have not yet supported the Tidy Towns campaign - hopefully this will change. Attention to detail is now of priority if you are to expedite progress and achieve higher awards.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your proposals for Annalee River and Annagh Lake have been noted and hopefully you will exploit the potential of these most attractive amenities well in advance of next year's adjudication. Work to-date in both areas is impressive and the planting is maturing nicely. Do give consideration to a nature trail and signpost wildlife habitats.

LANDSCAPING

The planting of shrubs, flowers etc. and maintenance of open spaces and roadside areas is a pleasant and striking feature of your work programme. Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers are to be commended. Further planting and the greater use of trees in the area of the river should be encouraged. You have scored well under this heading. Well done.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings were very well presented - the Church and grounds looked well, however, the immediate environment of the thatched house is not fully exploited in terms of overall presentation. Emmet Park was neatly presented and colourful in appearance. Do repair wooden fencing and discourage pavement storage. Your attention to the problems emanating from the derelict buildings has been noted - you are making progress in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was litter free on adjudication day and the support from your litter wardens and National School is no doubt a contributing factor in this regard. The metal litter bin on the bridge was eye catching. The adjudicator was pleased to note that the area of the river was litter free and grass trimmed - a valuable amenity to be enjoyed by all.

TIDINESS

Butlersbridge is a tidy village with a neat appearance and litter free. Regular cleaning of village nameplates and directional signposting is recommended.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general residential properties are well presented and in some cases hanging baskets and flower tubs are a feature. The rose garden of Annalee House is most colourful and highly commended by the adjudicator. The greater use of window boxes, hanging baskets and flower tubs would add greatly to the streetscape in the centre of the village. The planting near the estate on the Clones Road is maturing nicely and well maintained. Attention to detail is now desirable i.e. repair wooden fencing, tidy boundary walls and side entrances.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads looked well with verges trimmed and young trees maturing nicely. The flower beds and wooden tubs add greatly to the presentation of the village and are nicely positioned to create impact. The good presentation of roads, Main Street and side areas enhance the overall appearance of Butlersbridge. The continued support of Cavan County Council and the Community at large is critical to ensure that such high standards of presentation are maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very good effort on the part of the Tidy Towns Committee to achieve progress. It was a pleasure to adjudicate Butlersbridge - the potential to do well in the competition is very obvious. Your strategy is working well - a co-ordinated approach and sustained effort will bring ultimate success. Keep up the good work.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/96)

Try to discourage the display of advertisement hoardings on the gables of buildings. These are out of scale and character with buildings of this size. The roadside boundary wall of the cemetery needs to be either cleaned or painted or both. Flower displays at the junction of the Enniskillen and Clones Roads were in full bloom for second adjudication. Perhaps the wire and post fencing on the Clones Road could be planted with hedgerow on its roadside edge in addition to its inside edge. Inappropriate signage still prevails in the village. Discourage the use of tiling in favour of the more traditional facade finish. A white wall and some white pillars on the Enniskillen entrance near the junction with the main street need to be whitewashed. Litter control was excellent on second adjudication. Well done!" Weed growth was noted in the carpark across from the Derravaragh Inn. Don't forget to remove all traces of building materials when construction work has ceased. Approach roads are very well maintained. Nameplates are clear and crisp and flower displays look well also.