

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNTBELLEW**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mountbellew is very definitely a standard setter in this competition. Your very comprehensive report was most welcome and informative. You have succeeded in winning support from the key agencies and the community and have a detailed programme of work to enhance your town over the coming years.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Not many towns and villages have reacted to the changed Tidy Towns Competition layout in the way Mountbellew has. Your work in the area of wildlife conservation is timely and to be commended. Might we suggest the erection of suitable information points at appropriate locations to advise on the habitat and conservation work.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting, flower tubs, borders and hanging baskets on the bridge are most effective. Your proposal for the town square is to be welcomed. Further tree planting and a focal point in the square will be effective. It is hoped that the landscape architects have provided you with a programme of further enhancements for the coming years. The flower bed on the roadway by the walled garden near the woods is most attractive. The landscaping done on the river walk was in need of watering on the day of adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mountbellew has a long list of attractive buildings. The church, the two colleges and so many of the commercial premises are all very well maintained and presented. The development of the Forge and, if possible, the walled garden would be a most welcome addition.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite adjudication on a market day there was little evidence of litter save in the picnic and forge areas down by the woods. You have done well to get such public support for your programme of work.

TIDINESS

Mountbellew is striking for the neat and tidy appearance it presents. This will be enhanced with the proposed work of the town square.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Here again you have succeeded in winning public support. Few private houses are not developed and presented to a very high standard. Pine Grove Estate exemplifies the high standard achieved which is in evidence through the provision of flower tubs and hanging baskets throughout the town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads are most attractively presented. The stone walls, trees and landscaping provide an immediate good impression of the town. Work in the square should allow for the needs of people with physical disabilities. Try to discourage the use of sandwich boards on footpaths and roads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mountbellew has the potential to be a serious contender in the Tidy Towns Competition and marks have been awarded here for your obvious success in winning community support for your work programme.

