

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BELLEWSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	163

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Bellewstown is a nice crossroads village which has a lot of potential to do well in the competition. The new works the Committee has undertaken over the last year was noted and the Committee should be commended for all their hard work. For 1997 you will be required as part of the new competition to submit a 3-5 year work programme/plan which should clearly outline your objectives/targets for this period. I would suggest you pick 2/3 projects for each year which are realistic and achievable as these will yield results. Please note the adjudicator has taken into account that racing was taking place on the day of inspection.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is great potential for greater nature conservation in the village. The pond in the pitch and putt course is a start. Areas like the race course and surrounding woodland are natural wildlife habitats. You should maybe start by identifying the habitats around the village and see what species of bird and animal these attract. Why not involve the school children and teachers in locating the habitats and putting together the information.

LANDSCAPING

Once again the pitch and putt course was looking extremely well and the owners should be commended for the up keep of the course. The flower bed area in front of the church and at the entrance to Wood View were also both well presented with a nice display of colourful flowers. The landscaped junction at the Naul approach was also well presented. The newly planted trees on the Dublin approach are coming along but will need to be maintained. It was noted that work was in progress on the green area in Wood View.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and school were both well presented and clean and tidy. The race course was a hive of activity as racing was due to commence on the day of inspection. Both Tallons and Bellewstown should be encouraged to enhance the facade of their premises i.e. brighten them up and maybe the addition of some flower pots may help. The church hall had a nice selection of colour window boxes on display.

LITTER CONTROL

As mentioned earlier racing was due to commence on the day of inspection and as a result litter was unfortunately evident to the front of the course and beer bottles were seen at the junction of the Naul Road. Litter was also evident on the approach from the pitch and putt side of the town. This may sound bad but in fact for the number of people descending on Bellewstown, litter was not a major problem.

TIDINESS

It didn't help once again that the amusements and take-away vans had descended on Bellewstown. In general the village is neat and compact; however, some business premises could be encouraged to do a little more.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Wood View was visited and appeared okay. The new flower bed at the entrance was a nice addition. It was noted that work was to take place on the estate at Woodview and residents should be encouraged to do their bit. The majority of the residential houses on the approach roads should also be congratulated for the presentation of their premises. The house and grounds at Amberley caught the adjudicator's attention with the stone wall finish and well presented gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On approaching Bellewstown from the pitch and putt side, there was unfortunately, litter in the ditches. Other approach roads such as the Dublin and Navan ones appeared to have improved on last year. There is still a break in the old stone wall on the Navan approach. Coming in from the Naul side the grass verges had been cut and were improved on last year. Constant attention is needed on the approach roads as this is an area where improvement can be made. The streets and back areas of the village appeared in general clean and tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bellewstown really does come alive during the horse racing. The Committee should be commended for all their hard work this year and the best of luck for the future in the competition.