

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	31
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	214

Butlersbridge, Co. Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The dedication and commitment of the Butlersbridge Tidy Towns Committee is evident from the concise and detailed nature of the responses to the questionnaire alone! The map you supplied was very clear and detailed and both were most useful on adjudication day. You appear to have a good relationship with both the County Council and the local business community. Your village enhancement work programme contains some very interesting ideas. All of this combined leads to a well rounded and structured approach to the presentation of Butlersbridge to the visitor.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the public and commercial premises throughout the village were well presented on adjudication day. The centrally located church was well maintained and the adjudicator was pleased to note that the public toilets adjacent were unobtrusive in a matching stonework. The school was looking extremely well and the grounds were well maintained. Perhaps it might be possible to introduce some more landscaping and to conceal the oil tank by means of a timber structure over which you could grow a creeper. The railings to the front of the school were somewhat scratched. The GAA grounds were well maintained as was the graveyard. However, some staining was apparent to the pebble-dashed wall beneath the coping. The thatched Derragara Inn was well presented and very busy on a bright June day. The thatched turf house to the car park across the road looked quite charming. Tommy Smyth's looked very bright and cheerful - perhaps the plastic projecting sign could be removed in time. The old creamery building has an informal charm but sported a broken window. The store building next door in its prominent location at the junction could perhaps paint its tin roof in a matching green which would give it a bright and traditional touch. "The Shop" looked very bright and cheerful and the removal of the plaster work to reveal the stonework beneath on the bridge was noted.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping throughout the village and on approach roads looked extremely well on adjudication day. The planted flower beds at the directional signs in the centre of the village were admired with their petunias and marigolds. The well maintained grassy bank to the riverside walk at Annalee River looked magnificent and the rockery defining the set down point to the school with its variety of plants including wild daisies and lavender was quite delightful. The incidental flower bed opposite the hall with its snap dragons looked quite charming.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village of Butlersbridge is fortunate in this category with its centrally located Annalee River with its riverside walk along which an abundance of wildlife was apparent, and the peaceful lakeside

setting at Annagh Lake. The landscaping here was simple but effective and structural interventions such as the changing rooms and toilets are unobtrusive. You have even catered for wheelie-bins with a small enclosure to screen them! A note of warning regarding the maintenance of the toilets - these should be regularly visited as they were quite grubby and littered on adjudication day.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter throughout the town was very good on adjudication day. However, in a town of Butlersbridge's size vigilance is even more necessary as even one or two papers can create a bad impression to the visitor, as they are all the more obvious. One or two papers were apparent outside the church. There were a few papers to the Annagh Lake amenity area and the toilets mentioned previously were quite littered. A number of papers had gathered below the bridge to the river in the centre of town and also a crutch!

TIDINESS

The village of Butlersbridge generally had a very neat and ordered appearance on adjudication day. However, one or two areas still need to be addressed such as the broken window to the old creamery and the few buildings within the town such as that beside Con Smyth's which contrasted sharply with the bright and fresh buildings throughout the rest of the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses and particular gardens throughout the village and along approach roads looked well cared for. The residents of Butlersbridge obviously have a great pride in their properties. Of particular note was the bright cottage with its colourful display of hanging baskets and roses to the side of the door and the terrace of houses beside the school which were well maintained with colourful hanging baskets and extremely lush gardens (in particular that at the end of the terrace nearest the school with its colourful display of lupins etc.).

ROAD, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category was quite good. The Cavan Road is an attractive approach with mature horse-chestnut trees overhanging the road. The verges were well maintained and very lush and the attractive planting of petunias by the village nameplate sign was admired. The hedges had been well cut back - a note of warning in this area would be to ensure that hedge trimming does not disturb the birds during nesting time. Along the Enniskillen Road the new trees and shrubs were coming along nicely and the planting to the nameplate sign in the timber allotted beds full of pansies was admired. The grassy bank had been cut back, however, the dead grass had yet to be removed. Along Clonos Road, road works were in progress and the nameplate sign looked quite grubby, as did the children crossing sign. Indeed quite a few road signs throughout the village needed cleaning - presumably this was due to on-going roadworks. In terms of items of street furniture the perspex to the phone box was

quite badly stained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Butlersbridge is an attractive and charming village which was a delight to visit on a warm sunny June day. The village is in a strong position in the competition and continued consistent efforts have paid off in terms of the results you have achieved. Congratulations to all concerned!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/97)

At second adjudication the village had a very tidy appearance and the containerised plantings and bedding plants at the junction had developed well to give a good display. The school, while well maintained needs some tree planting. The shrubbery outside the school needs more attention to weeding and tidying. Efforts to resolve the ownership problem at the riverside area would be helpful so that further development can take place. Annagh lake area seems untidy and seems to be a lost opportunity as noted in the report.