

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BELGOOLY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	--
The Built Environment	40	19	--
Landscaping	40	18	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	--
Litter Control	40	19	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	149	--

Belgooly, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your participation in the competition is welcome. Thank you for submitting the map together with the outline of your three year plan for the development of your village. The village is located on a very busy road between Cork and Kinsale. In your first year of activities you quite rightly state that your committee will be endeavouring to make people aware of the importance of having a tidy village and of getting people involved. It must be stated that the present state of the village emphasises the need for such objectives. If you achieve this it will be a significant start for your committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Some buildings in the village were quite well presented but improvements generally could be brought about. The Belgooly Community Hall premises could be repainted and this would give a lift to this area. The church is a fine building and well maintained. The licensed premises and shop were also quite well maintained. Perhaps your committee and community will give consideration at some stage in the future as to what the old Distillery building in the village could be utilised for. It obviously would have historical connotations and is clearly deteriorating in its present state.

LANDSCAPING

Your plan for the future of the village should make provision for some landscaping to be carried out. There are open areas throughout the village which could be planted to good effect. In planning this aspect of your programme consideration should also be given to the planting of species which would give long-term effect. It is noted that planting inside the entrance wall of the G.A.A. field has commenced and this is a start. There is also nice landscaping work carried out in the grounds of the Catholic Church. Excellent landscaping work has been carried out in a space close to a residential area on the far side of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wet slobland area at the Kinsale side of the village could provide a valuable habitat for some species of wildlife and this should be borne in mind when future road works etc. in that area are being carried out. The cleaning of the river in the vicinity of the village, in bridge areas etc. could also have positive implications for wildlife. Also there is fine mature woodland in many areas in the general vicinity and these are no doubt valuable sources for wildlife

development. If any woodland walks could be created in these areas it would provide a very useful amenity in the vicinity.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation throughout the village was not good in general. The committee would therefore need to give consideration to the provision of litter bins as a matter of priority plus of course setting about creating the awareness in the community, which has already been referred to. There was a considerable amount of litter in the area around the telephone kiosk and this a prominent area within the village. There was also some litter in the bridge area near the G.A.A. Field.

TIDINESS

There is a need for a general tidying up throughout the village. The road area beyond the Post Office was very untidy and this would need to be attended to. That area of the village on the Kinsale side also needs to be tidied. Traffic signs, poles etc. throughout the village were either rusted or in need of cleaning and/or repainting. The place name sign for the village on the Oysterhaven road was also in need of repainting. The area in the vicinity of the junction for Browns Mills was very untidy and with appropriate planting etc. this area could be trimmed into an attractive area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual residents obviously take good care in the presentation of their houses and gardens. There are a number of very attractive houses and gardens in the vicinity. In particular the landscaping, flower planting etc. near the junction at the Cork side of the village is excellent. The green area in this vicinity was also very well maintained. This category of the Competition gives the opportunity to every resident in a community to play their part in the good presentation of their village or town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Cork approach road was very well maintained, with grass verges etc. well trimmed; the place name sign on this road, however, was in need of repainting, the bridge wall at a junction for a minor road on the Cork side of the village were in the process of being cleaned and the open space in the vicinity of this junction could with proper landscaping etc. be made into a very attractive area. The approach road from Kinsale was quite untidy and in addition there was no advance place name sign for the village on this approach; also the traffic sign poles here were rusted and in need of repainting. Road works were in progress on the Oysterhaven road. The old type water pump on this approach was nicely painted. There was extremely high grass and weed growth at bridge walls at the junction of the Browns Mills road. The entrance to the Cramers Court

Nursing Home was very tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This village is very pleasantly located and it is hoped that the entire community will give full support to the efforts now being initiated by the Tidy Village Committee. As part of your plan discussions should also take place with representatives of the Local Authority on relevant matters. If there is a good combined effort substantial improvement can be brought about in this village.