

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	166	163

Bellewstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The judging was carried out during raceweek and the community has to commended on its tidiness. Thank you for the completed application form and map. A 3-5 year programme is required with objectives set out for the community. The Tidy Towns booklet sets out what this involves. Congratulations on the work and maintenance undertaken in the past year

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bellewstown Inn is well looked after and well presented. The Cosy Bar is nicely turned out as is the church and area around it. There are some lovely windowboxes and the pump is well presented. The Church Hall also has some nice windowboxes. The Pitch and Putt area was also well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

There was some good planting throughout the village which was well maintained. However, some trees needed maintenance and lower branches removed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village has a lovely aspect set high above the plains of County Meath. There is a lot of woodland in the area. Could a tract of this be looked at, have plant species identified and a survey undertaken? Some of the woodland areas need a bit more attention and tidying.

LITTER CONTROL

Very little litter was in evidence except around the carpark area of the racecourse. The litter bins were well looked after.

TIDINESS

As commented before, Bellewstown had a reasonably tidy appearance even under the circumstances of race week.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential houses are well looked after though a couple could be cleaned up a little. If occupants are elderly or unable to look after their properties, the younger people in the village should help out. Woodview sported a large number of trees - birdtables/bat boxes could be considered though birds should only be fed during the winter months. The houses were well kept.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A well maintained sign heralded Bellewstown from the Duleek side and there are some nice trees in this area. The Dublin road had nice planting of trees also; however one is broken and should be replaced. The sign on the Dublin road is bent. It looks better to cut back the area in front of signs instead of using weedkiller as

this leaves dead grassy areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done - the adjudicators were impressed with the tidiness of the village during race week.