

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	20
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	17	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	222	216

Butlersbridge, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The completed questionnaire and very detailed map was very much appreciated by the adjudicator and reflects a co-ordinated approach towards implementing the recommendation contained in the enhancement work programme (1997-2000). You have established an excellent working relationship with your County Council Engineer and this is obviously to your benefit. Steady progress continues and attention to detail will bring further progress. Butlersbridge is an attractive village with the potential to achieve ultimate success in the competition. The continued enthusiasm and commitment of all sectors of the community will be required to achieve this objective - you are heading in that direction - keep going.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of public and private properties in highly commended and is contributing significantly to the tidy towns effort. The Derragara was freshly painted and is an imposing attraction at the entrance to Butlersbridge. The Church and grounds were also presented well and blended in nicely with the stone bridge over the Annalee which has been restored to its original condition - well done. The Lakeland Stores were presented better this year and other buildings which impressed the adjudicator included Con Smiths, Tommy Smyths, Mc Phillips and Annalee House with it's tidy garden and colourful planting. A bungalow on the Clones Road was disappointing, with overgrown grass and an untidy appearance - this type of presentation will lose you marks under this heading. The turf house was disappointing and needs to be improved. - weeds are a problem in this area.

LANDSCAPING

A very high standard of landscaping is developing throughout Butlersbridge which greatly enhances the overall appearance of the village. The planting on the traffic island is colourful and the extensive raised flower beds outside the school were admired. Further planting is recommended for Annalee Park and the greater use of hanging baskets in the centre of the village should be encouraged. Young trees are maturing nicely where planted but require regular maintenance whilst developing. The proposals for the Community Park, Church and footpath to Annagh Lake from the village are most welcome and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing some progress in 1999. The planted flower beds at the village name signs were nicely

presented. Careful maintenance of planted areas and open green spaces is necessary to ensure a sustained and attractive presentation. A good performance under this heading has been rewarded with an increase in marks.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Annalee River is an excellent amenity and an obvious target for wild life opportunities. The adjudicator would like to see progress under this heading next year. Identify wildlife habitats and signpost same. An information print piece would also help. As a tidy towns committee you have an important role to play in protecting the wildlife attractions of your area - seek the advice and guidance of your local wildlife expert and the support of ENFO which is a public information service established by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government. Picnic areas all looked well.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was completely litter free on adjudication day. Well done. The awareness campaign in the school and litter patrols are making a significant contribution in this regard. Do improve the presentation of litter bins. Your strategy under this heading is working well - keep it up.

TIDINESS

A bright and colourful Butlersbridge created an attractive and tidy appearance on adjudication day. Bright and freshly painted properties, litter free streets and neatly landscaped areas all added to a clean and tidy village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in the village were well presented and it is to be hoped that the houses currently under construction on the Clones Road will follow. Again the terraced houses beside the school and the cottages on the Enniskillen Road looked well. As already mentioned Annalee House was exceptional with all round good and colourful presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approaches were neatly presented with the Cavan Road deserving of special attention. The picnic tables on the Clones (Beside School) and Ballyconnell approaches are an attractive feature and looked well. Improve the presentation of advance signposting and continue to maintain the presentation of verges to the existing high standards. Young trees are maturing nicely but will require careful attention. Your proposals under this heading for 1999 have been noted and will enhance further the approaches to Butlersbridge.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Butlersbridge is an attractive and tidy village with the potential for a major honour in the National Tidy Towns Competition. As already mentioned this will only be achieved by attention to detail and the implementation of a very well structured environmental improvement programme. Utilise the expertise of Cavan County Council, North West Tourism, FAS etc. in expediting further progress. You have again performed well this year - congratulations.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/98)

Butlersbridge looked very well on the evening of second adjudication also. It was disappointing to see that the sign for the Derragara Inn on the Enniskillen Road has not yet been either removed or simply cleaned. The new seating and picnic table outside the hall on the Enniskillen entrance to the town and also at the school on the Clones Road looked particularly well. Well done. The muddy pothole and field entrance beside the nameplate on the entrance on the Enniskillen road detracted from an otherwise good appearance. Planting inside the nameplate along the Clones Road will enhance this area as it matures. The old creamery should be kept freshly whitewashed due to its prominent location within the village. Weed growth was not as prevalent or did not present as much of a problem at the Turf House on our second visit as it did on our first. Again work for consistency here.