

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173	169

Bellewstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The village has developed around the racecourse. The racecourse with its large grassed area, its trees and shrubs and its extensive and neatly trimmed grass margins gives Bellewstown its character. The on-going improvements have been noted and your problem areas are also taken into account. The sketch map was helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church looks well. The school is satisfactory as are the two public houses. The Bellewstown Inn has been painted. The rear of the stands facing the road is bare and unattractive. Suitable planting such as ivy or a virginia creeper would help soften their rather stark outline.

LANDSCAPING

The racecourse with its well kept grass verges looks well. Trees have been planted in several places around its perimeter and more might be considered. The landscaped entrance and well maintained grass areas at Woodview are praiseworthy as is the approach to the Pitch and Putt. The area around the village pump at the Church is well looked after. The mature trees at the Wood View approach and the perimeter of the racecourse are attractive features and replanting should take place where trees are failing or have failed. The planted tubs and the well painted Church iron railings were noted. The landscaping work between the School and Woodview was taken into account.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The race course margins with its long grass and shrub are important habitats as are the surrounding woodlands

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably satisfactory although it requires on-going attention. An amount of litter was seen in the vicinity of the village name sign and here and there in other places, e.g. Woodview.

TIDINESS

The village has a tidy appearance and this is helped by the well maintained grass verges and the satisfactory presentation of buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are several attractive houses and gardens around the village. Several have fine stone wall entrances. An attractive iron railing boundary was also noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The lengthy stone wall adds interest as one approaches the village. Here and there gaps need repair. Some road signs need attention. The well maintained grass verges, the mature trees and the more recent planting have already been referred to. Potholes are present on road margins

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bellewstown is a dispersed village with a small population. The standard of presentation of the village is a good indication of a high level of community support. The landscaping and other work that has been carried out in recent years has made Bellewstown a very pleasant place to live in.