

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BELTURBET**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2000

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2000 | Mark Awarded 1999 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 34 | 34 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 24 | 23 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | 27 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 211 | 207 |

Belturbet, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A good effort was made again by Belturbet. Unfortunately you still do not appear to have a plan which will guide your Tidy Towns activities. Ideally your plan should be a simple 3-5 page document and cover a period of 3-5 years and should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. Then your committee could assess your progress at the end of each year and little by little you could achieve your targets. Thank you for completing the questionnaire and enclosing the other documentation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland are well presented. The graveyard in the Church of Ireland grounds was neat and tidy also. The Vocational School looked well. Emerald Star Offices and grounds are well maintained as was the road and grounds on the opposite side of the river. Premises in town worthy of note are Flynn's Bar with their nice window boxes, Widow's Pub. The Duckin Stool marina again looked well and the Post Office is a most unusual and attractive building. The Belturbet Railway restoration project will be a great asset to the town when completed.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the village is very good, lovely window boxes and hanging baskets. There are also numerous wooden tubs with magnificent floral displays well located throughout the town. The amenity Area is very eye catching, with its nice seating, picnic tables, trees and floral displays. On adjudication day, the grass needed trimming but otherwise it is a very attractive feature of the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You certainly have done some very good work in this regard and you are to be congratulated on this. It is lovely as one enters the amenity area to see the information signs giving details of the flora and fauna of the area. Swans and ducks were noted in the river on adjudication day. Well done!

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter in the town centre on adjudication day. However, on the marina opposite Emerald Star Line there was a large bin overflowing and rubbish being blown around giving a very untidy appearance of this area. You have provided lovely bins –

please ensure they are being used and emptied regularly. Get the children involved – maybe organise a Keep Belturbet Tidy Competition.

TIDINESS

Again the town looked tidy on adjudication day. However, as last year, there are still some untidy premises that detract from the efforts of others. Breffni Aluminium is still very untidy. You should pay attention to the control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings. The left hand side of the river bank as one enters from Ballyconnell is very untidy and overgrown, felled trees not removed and a general air of neglect. On adjudication day there was a cruiser moored in this area and the view was unimpressive. Maybe this area could be included in your plan for refurbishment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally residential properties in the town and on the approaches were well maintained. Your adjudicator must mention again this year Hillview Cottage – it is such a noteworthy property with its lovely floral displays. Fay Crescent still needs painting, Marian Park was extremely well presented with most houses beautifully painted, hanging baskets, window boxes and neatly trimmed lawns. St Mary's Terrace also looked well. Well done to all concerned here! The houses and grounds in the area of the tennis courts are well presented but the fencing around the tennis courts are in poor condition. These need replacing urgently.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All of the approach roads looked very well on adjudication day. While the new street surfaces and footpaths have enhanced the town significantly there are still some back areas which need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Belturbet are making a very good effort in this competition . You apparently have the support of the County Council and FAS and with your efforts and their support Belturbet should succeed. Keep up the good work.