

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2000 | Mark Awarded 1999 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 39                | 38                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 31                | 29                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 33                | 32                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 17                | 19                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 32                | 30                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 18                | 17                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 22                | 22                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 32                | 31                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 8                 | 8                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>232</b>        | <b>226</b>        |

## **Butlersbridge, County Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Butlersbridge continues to impress this adjudicator. On a fine summers day the village was looking splendid and a relaxed environment was a striking feature. Obviously your partnership with Cavan County Council is working to satisfaction and you also have the full support of the community and business sector. Working to a planned programme is bringing results - resulting in a further increase in marks this year. As mentioned in last years report attention to detail is now required to achieve further progress.

Thank you for the completed questionnaire and detailed map - most helpful on adjudication day.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Commercial, public and community buildings were all presented well and contribute greatly to the enhancement of the streetscape. Deragarra Inn, Church, Con Smiths and the stone bridge over the river deserve special mention. The rose garden at Annalee House was most colourful as was the planting outside the school on the Clones Road. Terraced buildings in the village were all neatly presented and the owners obviously have great pride in their premises. The turf house is an interesting building and attracts much attention, however, the car park area still needs attention.

Your efforts under this heading deserve the increase in marks - Well done.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping has a priority rating in your work programme and the results are very obvious - creating a high level of colour throughout Butlersbridge. Planting on the approach roads is maturing well and the many green areas look tidy and have a well cared for appearance. Greater use of window boxes and hanging baskets in the centre of the village is recommended and further improvements in the area of the river is also desirable. Annagh Amenity Park was tidily presented and is an excellent leisure facility - grass cut, litterfree and an adequate supply of litter bins contributing to a tidy environment. The flowerbeds at the village name plates are a nice introduction to picturesque Butlersbridge.

Do ensure careful maintenance of planted areas at all times in order to achieve a sustained and attractive presentation.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have not progressed under this heading and this is most disappointing as the very rural environment of Butlersbridge offers many opportunities for progress. Annalee River and Annagh Lake immediately come to mind. To have a clear understanding as to what is required under this heading consult with ENFO (see page 20 Tidy Towns 2000 book) and your local Regional Tourism Organisation. Open spaces throughout the village all looked well and the picnic tables near the community centre are user friendly.

Give this section a high rating in your work schedule for next year.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The village was litter free on adjudication day and litter bins were nicely presented.

Your organised litter patrols are obviously working well - continue the good work and work closely with schools and local authority.

## **TIDINESS**

Now that heavy good vehicles are using the new by-pass, Butlersbridge has a most relaxed environment with a high degree of tidiness around the village.

Colourful gardens, sensible planting, well presented green areas and freshly painted residential and commercial properties all contributed to another excellent performance under this heading.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential properties were all well presented with some nice individual houses with attractive and well cared for gardens. Town houses continue to sparkle with attractive window boxes, hanging baskets and flower tubs.

As already mentioned Annalee Guesthouse is a real gem.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

All approach roads were tidy looking and with good presentation all round. Trees on the Cavan and Clones roads are maturing nicely and the stonework at Con Smiths is expertly finished and most impressive. The new footpaths enhance greatly the streetscape and all street furniture is well maintained. Do freshen up the appearance of some signposting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Butlersbridge, through careful planning and a sustained effort on the part of all, continues to make progress. Your partnership with Cavan County Council is working well and very necessary to maintain the high level of progress achieved by Butlersbridge in recent years and this ultimately should bring you into serious contention for a major award.

An excellent performance this year has been rewarded - Well done.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/00)**

Butlersbridge was presented to a very high standard on the day of second adjudication. A feature is suggested for the roundabout at the Clones junction and a sign should be provided in the village centre for the lake. The path along the river should be resurfaced and a river park would be appropriate here, given the high profile of this area from both the village and the new by-pass. The entrance to the village from the by-pass should now be landscaped. The entrance from the Cavan road looks particularly well with its neat verges and stands of mature trees. The plastic neon beer signs should be removed from the 'Con Smyth' building. This building looks especially well otherwise. The adjudicator questions the wisdom of planting Leylandii Cypress at the lake, these grow to a great height (in excess of eighty feet) and they may block off views of the lake and the picnic area on entering the site; in addition they are of little wildlife value. Other planting at the lake looks well and is appropriate. A wildlife survey might be undertaken and interpretive facilities provided for the general public.