

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BELMONT**
County : **OFFALY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188	185

Belmont, County Offaly

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH.

Thank you for entry form and good map together with three year plan. Your plans look worthwhile and achievable and we look forward to seeing the results in the years ahead.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Post Office and the two pubs are well presented. As you mention, the Ola Filling Station and the old Garage on the Clonmacnoise road are very poor and definitely bring the village down. This is such a shame when obviously the other residents of Belmont mostly contribute to assisting the seven person Committee with their endeavours. Do keep up the good work, perhaps the people involved can be persuaded to come around in time.

LANDSCAPING.

On the Ferbane approach there are good planted areas and in fact work was in progress at one of these (grass being cut) on the day of adjudication. The hedges and banks were well cut back on this approach. However, at a premises nearer the village, the blue and white flower tubs needed attention. In the village centre, the bog oak sculpture is quite unique and attractive and the two planted areas as each side of the entrance to the housing estate are to be admired. On the Shannonbridge approach, the rowan trees (mountain ash) are maturing nicely. The flower bed near the Belmont sign here needed attention. Larry's Old Time Village on the Clonmacnoise approach must be a talking point for visitors.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The green areas and tree planting (especially rowan trees with their berries) contribute in this category.

LITTER CONTROL.

Litter bins were noted throughout the village which had a sprinkling of litter on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

Most of the village presented a tidy appearance except for the Ola Filling Station and old Garage mentioned above. Most kerbs were weed free though a little more attention might be needed in this area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in the village and on the approach roads are mostly contributing in a very positive manner to the Tidy Towns effort. However, it should be noted in the housing estate that gates and surrounds are as important as the house itself.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are rather poor throughout the village. Also, the sign for Belmont was overgrown on the Shannonbridge approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Belmont is an attractive village where it is obvious that most of the residents have a pride in its appearance. Your plans for the future look exciting but it should be remembered that maintaining what has already been achieved, and involving all members of the community in your efforts, is equally important.