

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BAWNBOY**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	186

Bawnboy, Co.Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Unfortunately a copy of your plan submitted to FAS was not included in adjudicator brief. However, it is evident that the village has a well organised developmental approach. It impresses from first sight with its clean lines and excellent road surfaces.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a mixed run of buildings on the 'railinged' side of the village centre and in some cases appear to be falling into some disrepair. On the other side, McCluskey's shop looks very colourful with its red paint and profusion of flowers. Beside it, on the Swanlinbar side, there are some problems with paint work and window frames of an attached house and also a damaged plastic hanging sign.. The Darcy shop front could do with freshening up. The hair dressing shop has been redeveloped but features plastic windows. The national school looks clean and tidy with shrubs and car park. Church grounds with developing shrubberies and car park are well presented. The pub looks satisfactory and has a nice beer garden to the rear. The Post Office front looks well and although some restoration work has been completed it has maintained a traditional appearance. The Keepers Inn looks quite well although a new car park wall was being built at time of visit. An old tin shed in this area is well camouflaged by growing hedging. The work house was a forbidding looking place and is falling into serious decay. It is part of the heritage of the village but if something is not done soon it will be beyond repair.

LANDSCAPING

Along the stretch near the bus stop a private garden and a series of colourful planters dress this area very nicely. From the Swanlinbar side there is a very attractive run of plants along the kerb. The crescent shaped green with its cut stone planter boundary and its amazing variety of maturing trees is superb, nicely finished with floral display at both ends. St. Mogue's College is nicely presented with neat lawns and railing wall to front. There is a good selection of plants and shrubs towards the back of the lawn. Car park is clean and tidy with a rubbish bin. Village road signs on this approach have flowered presentation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No use is made of the river although one house has an access gate to the river bank. Sign posting is adequate to points of interest and for walking trails. The rural location of Bawnboy should provide many opportunities for suitable projects under this heading. In identifying projects seek the advice of ENFO - a public information service established by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government or contact your area wildlife ranger. The relevant section of the Tidy Towns Handbook also has useful tips and

practical information.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of any litter. Your committee is commended for its success in this area.

TIDINESS

There was some weed showing at the bottom of the bridge wall. At the bottom end of the church car park is a residue of some resurfacing materials. However, the general impression is one of neatness and tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of houses on approach roads are very nicely presented with good gardens and flower displays. With the exception of comments made under the built environment, the residential areas old and new are colourfully displayed with well kept gardens and shrubberies.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Footpaths and car parking facilities are excellent and the road through the village has an excellent surface. Approaches from all routes are attractively presented with well defined margins. The Keepers Inn car park was under construction at time of visit.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bawnboy has an attractive appearance and presents very well. It is noted that your committee are promoting a revitalisation of the old work house and the adjudicator wishes you every success in your endeavours. On the face of it seems to offer a unique opportunity to establish an aspect of the village heritage which could have significant impact on future development plans.