

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	34
The Built Environment	40	29	30
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	24
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>211</b>

## **Belturbet, Co.Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your Tidy Town Committee is encouraged to prepare a development plan which will give a focus and measure to the success you can achieve over a period of three years. This need not be a comprehensive document, just a simple listing of what you would like to see happen each year. You have built very good working relations with the County Council, FAS and other bodies and their impact on the development of Belturbet has been much in evidence over recent years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Belturbet is built on the ridge of a hill. The general presentation of the town's houses and shops is quite good. The Diamond is part pedestrianised with cobblestone and stone bollards. The town Hall is an interesting building matched by the nearby 1904 Post Office. Gilbrides Bar front looks quite well but is part of a stripped back cut stone frontage of recent completion and featuring plastic windows on top. St. Bricin's Vocational school looks well with a tidy grass area and shrubs. Little cottages opposite the Fairgreen School are being stripped of their plaster to expose brickwork. On Holburn Hill, Widow's Bar Front is interesting, but not prize material. The Garda Station presentation was average but one planter had lost its shrub and the other was distinctly unhealthy looking. Nice floral display outside R. Johnston's Butcher shop, as has the Ulster bar and a few other houses in this attractive part of the street. The Health Centre was cleanly presented with a planter to front and a small bog oak feature to one end. O'Donoghue's premises looks as if it is for redevelopment. All the main churches have well presented properties. The school opposite the RC Church has nice planters of flowers. The Belturbet Railway Station is a wonderful development. It is not quite complete but its standard of finish is most impressive with timber windows flowers and plants. Cobble stone platform and hanging baskets and signs indicating conference and meeting facilities, accommodation and Old railway Museum. On Bridge Street the Cosy Bar plastic sign is disappointing. The Lily Pad Florist shop looks very well. Emo Garage has average presentation. Emerald Star Line property is well presented with clean office lines, well maintained car park and shrub beds.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Diamond displays a couple of planters of flowers in bloom and there are interpretative panels on display. Disappointingly, no trees have been planted along the entire length of Holburn Street.

The approach roads to Belturbet are nicely landscaped and in particular the entrance from the Cavan Town side. There are well maintained verges and signs and a fine sweep of shrubbery near the golf club entrance. There are gaps such as the site between shopping centre and next house which needs to be developed and there is building work ongoing at the corner of Holburn Street.. GAA

Grounds are screened by trees growing above wall.

On the approach Road from Ballyconnell at the Church of the Immaculate Conception before arriving at the Enniskillen roundabout there is a bank of shrubs. Looks impressive but may require some maintenance. The roundabout lawn is cut and has a nice array of plants at its centre. The new housing estates such as the Sean Lee estate with its attractive entrance, are in early stages of development and while landscaping work is taking place it is still at an early stage.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Creevy Park area is a wonderful amenity with all sorts of river side activities and interests. It is well furnished with picnic tables etc., well maintained grass areas and shrubberies. There are good interpretative signs for riverside wildlife. Some public notice to explain the ruined structure in Creevy is suggested. At each corner of the bridge there is access to an amenity. To the left of the bridge is Kilconny Park a pleasant riverside amenity but its flower beds were overgrown by weeds.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was quite a lot of litter on the footpath opposite the Credit Union and again around the Diamond. At least one litter bin was full to overflowing along Holburn Hill. However, a litter collection was in progress during the inspection..

## **TIDINESS**

Wirescape in Belturbet is not too bad and for most of the Holburn Hill and the Diamond it has been ducted. Two shrubs planted in front of public toilets provide excellent screening at Kilconny Park. However there are some tidiness problems noted, graffiti on the back of the Belturbet Angling Club panel in Kilconny Park, the street vegetable vending on Holburn Hill, and the 'Neptune' container behind the town hall. The Diamond is somewhat spoiled by some ugly shop fronts such as the 'Amusements' and the plastic sign over Reilly's Garage is not much better.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The water pump on Water Lane, if a little lost at its location is a nice feature in this mature and well presented residential part of the town. There is a pleasant little church on the corner of Bridge street and Water Lane. It has a fine mature hedge which adds greenery to the streetscape. Houses all the way along this part are Georgian style and look very well. There are some incidental floral displays. There is a grass verge with trees on opposite side with flower planter and rubbish bin (empty). On the elbow of the Lane is a bungalow with boarded up windows and garden turning to wilderness. All housing and greens on the Cavan approach area are well presented. This part of entrance has mainly bungalow residential properties with mature gardens on either side. A number of houses in this district have delightful flower gardens.

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

Some road surfaces in Belturbet are not well presented. While some improvements have taken place, Bridge Street for instance requires

attention. There were adequate street furnishings with a good supply of litter bins, telephone kiosks and signposting to local amenities. Some visual aspects of the backs of buildings in the built up area require screening.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The town has much to offer and it is exciting to see the development works which have taken place in the amenity areas. Keep up the good work.