

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	231	232

Butlersbridge, Co.Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your detailed Butlersbridge Enhancement Programme. Improvements which have taken place in the village have resulted in a very attractive environment which has had a positive influence particularly since the opening of the by pass road.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment is quite colourful with a widespread display of window box and hanging flowers. Annalee House once again gets special mention for its rose display. The Derragarra Inn looks very well with its ivy clad walls and mature garden. The car park in front of the turf house was somewhat flooded at time of inspection and stored an old thrashing machine. The school on the Clones Road presents well, clean and tidy with a series of bench seats set along the car park and school boundary wall. Some plastic pub signs should be removed. Some PVC beginning to show in the window frames. McEntee Butchers could probably improve its fascia sign, but does display a fine window box of flowers. Although some house frontages have been attractively painted, a colour advisory service might be considered to improve general presentation. The Church and grounds are nicely presented. Its lawns are cut and there are new trees and a series of colourful flower pots.

LANDSCAPING

The approach road from the Clones side is good with a Butlersbridge village sign placed in a floral display close to a link fence well screened by a hedge. There is a newly planted flower and shrub bed running along this stretch. Houses and gardens look well although some new construction work is ongoing.

On the roundabout there is a planter of flowers on the central island, and also a display at Con Smiths lounge with flower boxes on the footpath and hanging flowers. Adjacent to the bridge the unusually shaped water pump is cleanly presented within its walls but might be considered for a higher profile presentation. Nice to see some planting of trees has taken place behind the protective barriers along the by-pass entrance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

At Annagh Lake the cypress trees are still in place. This is a kiddies play area with car parking, picnic facilities and nature trails. No wild life signs or interpretation. This is an exceptional habitat for natural flora and fauna but on inspection day it was not very tidy. Some trees look under stress and some of the car park barrier post have been lifted from their foundations.

LITTER CONTROL

Good supply of litter bins and the virtual absence of litter shows your litter programme is enjoying success.

TIDINESS

The placing of business premises poster in the attractive plant bed to the left of the Clones entry to the village should be discouraged. The poster site on the side of McPhillip's shop is a disappointment and should be discouraged. The bridge is weed free and by and large Butlersbridge is tidily presented.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The terrace of houses on the left hand side are very colourfully displayed with hanging baskets and, generally, the residences in the village and surrounds are nicely presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance to the village from the old Cavan road looks extremely well. The grass verges have been cut and they are backed by hedgerows and trees which have been planted along the margins. Butlersbridge sign is colourfully presented in flower planter. There are fine stands of chestnut trees to the right, and two nice flower boxes placed in front of a low wall. Along the entrance from the old Belturbet Road there is a well presented verge and bank with maturing shrubs. To the right, a well maintained wall runs along the right hand side down to a red brick building.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Butlersbridge has excellent potential and the Tidy Towns Committee has very positive support from its community. The village presents well although some more attention could be given to the amenity area beside the river. Some concern is expressed about the siting of individual houses. The rural location of Butlersbridge should provide many opportunities for wildlife presentation and interpretation. 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.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (02/08/01)

Butler's Bridge has done well to retain its position at the head of the County – congratulations to the Committee for bringing this about, to the official bodies involved, and to the business people and householders of the village. In the view of the second adjudicator, Butler's Bridge has benefited visually and environmentally from the by-pass. At midsummer, the grassed areas and plantings were as good as ever. Weeds had grown up in the car park at the Turf Cottage, and there were two ramshackle entrances at the north end of the old Belturbet road, but in general the village was looking very well. The only disappointment was the amenity area at Annagh Lake where maintenance was not up to the usual high standard.