

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BARTLEMY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2001

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2001 | Mark Awarded 2000 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 22 | 24 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 28 | 26 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 9 | 9 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 34 | 34 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | 19 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 27 | 26 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 181 | 176 |

Bartlemy, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This is an important aspect to the competition as it demonstrates to the adjudicator the items, which will be attended to in the Village. Your Committee should now put together a development plan. It should only be a brief 3-5-page document covering a 3-5 year period. This category of the competition carries substantial marks. As advice requested on your application form the best way to progress in the competition is to adopt an even-handed approach and to try to maximise Bartlemy's potential in each category. Keep up your liaison with FÁS, the Local Authority and the local National School.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings in the Village particularly the School, Church and the Community Centre looked well. The paintwork on the School would need to be refreshed. The Creamery building on the Fermoy approach looks fresh considering its no longer in use. The cracked windowpane in the Public House should be replaced. The main shortcoming in this category is the number of derelict houses. The owners should be prevailed upon to maintain them particularly in terms of screening windows. The Committee should talk to the Local Authority concerning Derelict Sites. Under present legislation they have powers to deal with such issues.

LANDSCAPING

This is certainly the area where Bartlemy has made most progress. The green area in the Centre of the Village is beautiful with intelligent use of cut stone, shrubs and flower tubs. There is also nice tubs and floral decoration near the school and Community Centre. The residents of Church View have made a great effort again. The area at the Watergrasshill/Bartlemy Junction is maturing nicely and creates a beautiful first impression.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area that Bartlemy could make progress due to its rural location. The suggestions on how to gain marks in this category would apply again. Action sheet 6 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' in the Tidy Towns Handbook gives a format that could be applied. This maybe an area a senior class in the National School could undertake with supervision.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good again this year. Bartlemy's participation in the Muintir na Tire Litter Free Competition and in the Cork County Council Litter Challenge has

obviously paid huge dividends. This can help to promote anti-litter awareness in the Community.

TIDINESS

Weed growth appears to be kept in check and fly posting does not appear as problematic as last year. Efforts should be made to keep the glass in the phone box clean. Enquires should be made about obtaining recycling facilities for the Village as these would be desirable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the Watergrasshill approach looked well. The Church View area continues to look well with common areas being very well maintained. This area is expanding with two new houses being added. The terrace of houses opposite Church View is excellent with some beautiful garden and floral displays.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Fermoy approach had neatly trimmed hedgerows and margins, and nice bedding plants at the base of the Village sign, which needed a wash. The Watergrasshill approach has a lovely old stonewall and neatly trimmed margins. The standard of fingerpost signs and poles is very good. The 'Yield' signs at the main junction still needs attention. The Watergrasshill approach (past the Church) is good with some nice cut stone and planting. The Castlelyons approach is nice with pockets of landscape. The proposal to underground Telecom and ESB cables would be desirable.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As outlined by the Committee the town is a 'traditional cross roads rural village'. The Committee should build on the strong points of the Village beginning with a plan for the Village. The Village has a lot of untapped potential.