

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BELGOOLY**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	23	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	8	11
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	20
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>158</b>

## **Belgooly, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Perhaps you could consider elaborating on your plans for the village and formulating a three to five year work programme setting time scales against these achievements. This will enable you as well as the adjudicators to see your progress as years go by. Although much of the work you had outlined in your submission had taken place, there were many others which evidently had not.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard in this category of the competition was quite inconsistent. The stone church set above the village looked well. Although the landscaped area to the front was quite weedy, its grounds itself were well maintained. The community hall had yet to be painted and was extremely flaky! The Huntsman Inn was slightly grubby particularly on the gable. However its colourful window boxes were admired. Coleman's Bar appeared quite fresh as did the Belgooly Inn in a deep red colour. The bicycle shop will need to be painted up before next year's competition. The new stone walling at the GAA grounds was admired but the gates will need painting before next year's competition.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard in this category of the competition was generally good. That area adjacent to the Campus Oil petrol station was most attractive, varied and colourful filled as it was with lavender, foxgloves and clematis. The area in front of the church has been commented on already. However that opposite on its raised stone bed was quite charming. The grass area opposite the Huntsman was quite well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The magnificent asset of the Kinsale Estuary is a definite bonus in this regard. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator, the erection of notices informing the visitor of the various wildlife habitats of the area would be of great benefit in this regard. The riverside area adjacent to the old post office was extremely clean on adjudication day and your plans to create a pond with twice more wildlife are certainly positive ones.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally quite good and the new litter bins were admired.

### **TIDINESS**

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. Derelict buildings and sheds create a bad

impression on the visitor passing through the village. The old post office and the cottages behind look most unfortunate. The adjudicator was pleased to note plans for the improvement of this area in the not too distant future. The prominent red tin shed at the centre of the village should be repainted in its cheerful traditional red before next year's competition.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard in this category of the competition was generally very good. The attractive houses at the Aldergrove Estate create a good impression on the Cork approach. The well kept houses in the centre of the village (in particular one with abundant hanging baskets either side of the door) create a good impression and the new houses at Cramer's Close sport some very attractive gardens.

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

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. The approach road from Cork was quite overgrown and the village nameplate on this side was grubby. The Kinsale approach is most attractive along the estuary to one side. However this was also quite overgrown.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Great efforts have been made in terms of landscaping throughout the village. Do try to tackle the neglected and problem areas of the village which detract greatly from its overall presentation.