

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bawnboy** Ref: **50**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **212**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **26/06/2007**

|                                | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2007 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach   | 50              | 30                   |
| The Built Environment          | 50              | 28                   |
| Landscaping                    | 50              | 29                   |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50              | 12                   |
| Litter Control                 | 50              | 37                   |
| Waste Minimisation             | 20              | 0                    |
| Tidiness                       | 30              | 16                   |
| Residential Areas              | 40              | 26                   |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 50              | 26                   |
| General Impression             | 10              | 8                    |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>400</b>      | <b>212</b>           |

### Overall Development Approach:

Bawnboy Tidy Towns Committee is welcome back to the competition after a year's absence! The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you still had not formulated a work programme as suggested by the adjudicator in 2005. This document would be invaluable to yourselves in terms of setting goals and objectives - giving you the impetus to achieve these and also showing you what you have achieved! It need only be a few pages long, outlining these goals and setting a timeframe for their achievement. You can use the comments contained in this and previous year's reports as a starting point. It is disappointing that you have left so many sections of the application form blank - wildlife, waste management, residential areas and roads streets and back areas! You have given little detail in other areas and no clue, whatever, of your future plans in these categories. Many thanks for your map - perhaps for next year you could include more detail in it. You could highlight the areas where you feel you have progressed your work and problem areas. Have you considered a Heritage Trail? The workhouse was signposted but no information given about it.

### The Built Environment:

The buildings of the village generally looked well cared for. The Church looked well and sported fine landscaping, as usual. Its car park area to the front, however, appeared a little weedy and its gates will need attention before next year's competition. The National School and St Mogue's College were also well presented. The Rocks of Bawn looked well and fresh, as did Sheridan's. Arasain Padraig was admired. The Keeper's Arms was fresh and sported colourful hanging baskets.

### Landscaping:

The GAA club and grounds with its landscaping and magnificent playground area looked well. The landscaping at the Church was mentioned elsewhere in this report. Hanging baskets were evident at many locations, including the gabled building in the centre of the village. The planting in stone bed at the nameplate

sign on the Belturbet Road was admired. New trees had been planted to the banks on the Swanlibar side of the village.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As mentioned elsewhere in this report this section on the application form was left blank. Have you considered the comments made by the previous year's adjudicator? Organising a wildlife survey of habitats in your locality would be an interesting project for both schools to conduct. You could then erect some wildlife information boards showing their findings. You could also look at walks that could be created in the locality. You could create a wildflower meadow - perhaps on the grassy bank leading out the Swanlibar Road. Or create a wildlife garden. The possibilities are endless!

### **Litter Control:**

The standard on the day was very good - your FAS worker is obviously doing a good job. The litter bin at the school was quite full but not yet overflowing. Plans for litter awareness competitions at the schools are a good initiative.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

Again, this section of the entry form was left blank. The Bring Banks on the Belturbet Road showed evidence of dumping and should possibly be emptied more frequently or monitored more stringently! This section also deals with your attitudes to waste management. Do you segregate litter that you collect? Do you compost your green waste? It also deals with how you communicate the principles of waste management to the local community such as schools, businesses and households. You should contact the Environmental Officer in Cavan County Council for ideas in this regard.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was generally neat on adjudication day. You mention problems of dereliction, but these made little impact on the village's overall appearance. Have you consulted with the County Council in relation to these problems? The garage canopy seemed to be in bad order and should be attended to before next year. A pretty and charming outbuilding at the bridge should be re-whitewashed.

### **Residential Areas:**

This is another section that you left blank - despite the fact that there have been quite a lot of new development in this area in the village. The row of vernacular houses were greatly admired and should be restored to their former glory. An attractive two storey house with interesting fascia board and lovely lawns to its side area was noted on the road to the school. The new houses at Bawn Villas possibly need additional landscaping - the mature trees look well but new tree planting etc. would supplement them.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach from Belturbet was quite good with neat verges. The village pump in this location could be repainted. The sign for Enniskillen was quite grubby. The Swanlibar approach was not as well maintained and appeared quite overgrown, although signage was quite fresh. Kerbing on this road was in a good state of repair.

### **General Impression:**

Bawnboy is an attractive village, set in some marvellous scenery. It has much potential to do very well in the competition, but a strategy must be set out by yourselves in order to achieve this objective.