

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bailieborough** Ref: **792**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **187**
Category: **D** Date(s): **16/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	26
Landscaping	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	13
Litter Control	50	20
Waste Minimisation	20	9
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	187

Overall Development Approach:

Baileborough is welcome to the 2008 National TidyTowns Competition in its 50th year. It is important that you submit a plan for the town covering the next three years or five years together with a map highlighting work that has been achieved in the past year. Baileborough is a beautiful town set against Drumlin countryside and located on a lake shore; it enjoys many scenic views both in to the town and out of it. Perhaps the biggest task facing the committee is to gain the involvement of a growing population which is poised to grow even further. It is a pity there's such a negative response from the schools to play a role in the TidyTowns Competition. We wish you every success in the future; refer to the TidyTowns website at www.tidytowns.ie for ideas on how to gain community participation.

The Built Environment:

Well done on work accomplished under this heading which included the painting of doors and windows to the derelict fire station and your liaison with builders and developers especially along the Main Street to keep their development site clean. The town enjoys a handsome stock of two and three-storey buildings along its main street overlooked by the Church with its attractive grounds. A number of premises continue to be shabby in appearance one such being the gable wall of the Swift Travel premises. Perhaps the committee could encourage traders to pay particular attention to their shopfront displays and keep window posters and stickers to a minimum in addition to maintaining the facade clean and well painted.

Landscaping:

The grounds of the Community School are excellent in appearance and well done to the Credit Union for their sponsorship of the new antique poles for hanging baskets which are most attractive. Well done on the junction of the Kells/Virginia Road which is a fine achievement. An attractive green open space and with flower

displays in a boat on the Cavan Road was admired also. Perhaps the Bailieboro Business Centre could be persuaded to have their grounds landscaped. The grounds of the arts culture and tourism centre look particularly well. Hopefully the grounds of the new Leisure Centre will be planted for seasonal interest utilizing native species when construction work is finished here.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We note your plans to create a lake shore walk and wish you every success in this initiative as it will add a new dimension to the recreational amenity status of Baileboro. The entrance to the sports grounds looked unattractive being badly surfaced weedy and having poor fencing. The playground located near the Civic Amenity Centre is a nice feature. A wild life survey together perhaps with a bird hide might be created along the lake shore in addition to the proposed walk.

Litter Control:

Litter control was reasonably good around the town however a lot of litter and dumping featured at the recycling point/bottle banks in the car-park; the adjudicator noted signage regarding the removal of this facility and wonders if it is necessary given your new Civic Amenity Centre as it seems to attract more problems than it solves! A litter survey might be considered to identify the source of litter and devise a strategy to combat it.

Waste Minimisation:

The new Civic Amenity Centre is a wonderful facility and appears to have a 'state of the art' status, its environs is also beautifully landscaped. Some consideration might now be given to other waste Minimisation initiatives for example a community waste audit might now be considered and ways of reducing waste identified

Tidiness:

Kerbing to the footpath out the Mullagh Road were weed choked at the time of adjudication and looked quite bad. The curtilage areas to commercial premises at the top of the Shercock road looked dreadful and should be screened as an interim measure pending redevelopment. We wish you every success in your efforts to minimise official but copious signage throughout the town. The overhead service cables along your Main Street is quite visually obtrusive, have representations been made to Cavan County Council to have these deducted?

Residential Areas:

There have been many new residential developments in Bailieboro over the past number of years and indeed work is still in progress on numerous sites for residential development. Well done on the co-operation you achieve from Tangagee estate and it is good to note that residents in the Drumbannon estate are coming on board the TidyTowns initiative also. Green open spaces on the Cavan Road were spoilt by their overgrown appearance and mounds of rubble

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Grass verges along the Mullagh road looked well together with nameplates. Car-parking along and Main Street was orderly and street names signs were noted. St Annes car-park is nicely surfaced and landscaped. Well done on your new antique poles for hanging basket flower displays. Some items of street furniture were in need of attention.

General Impression:

Baileborough has wonderful potential for success in the TidyTowns Competition.