

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Butlersbridge** Ref: **51**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **255**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **04/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	37
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>255</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Butlersbridge is welcome to the National TidyTowns Competition in its 50th anniversary year, thank you for your submission. We note the absence of a planned work programme and map of your lovely village with this year's entry form and suggest you submit these next year. Well done on your engagement with local schools and on the level of commitment you appear to have achieved from a relatively small community. We note the support received from Cavan County Council, County Cavan Job Initiative, and local developers. We wish you every success for the future; don't forget to visit the TidyTowns website at [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie) as it is an invaluable resource for TidyTowns Committees.

### **The Built Environment:**

Of particular note under this heading is your liaison with property owners with a view to encouraging them to enhance their roadside facade; the two dated beer signs detract from an otherwise excellent presentation at the Con J Smith premises and the window sills of the High Ball Inn premises were a bit flaky on the day of adjudication. Congratulations on the removal of the large advertisement sign from the side of Foynes shop and congratulations also on work accomplished on your beautiful church building and grounds together with the new club rooms at the football field.

### **Landscaping:**

Work accomplished on the maintenance of existing green areas and the development of new areas has been noted and admired. Your green open spaces and green roadside verges are maintained to the highest of standards and are complimented beautifully by mature trees and hedgerow. Flower displays were both profuse and colourful, well done! shrubberies have a good mix of plants to give seasonal interest. The

landscaping of the road verge along the football field is a worthwhile initiative.

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

Well done on the duck and wildlife sanctuary on the river in the village. A survey of the flora and fauna of Butlersbridge and its environs might be considered and the results published on an all weather vandal proof interpretive panel. If you engage in any wildlife awareness campaigns either within the community or in conjunction with the school we would be pleased to hear of it as it can be a source of extra marks. Emmet Pairc is nicely planted to its roadside edge and the new sign for the burial grounds has been noted. If the community has any responsibility for the Annagh Lake Amenity it should be kept to a higher standard of maintenance.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter bins were overflowing at the Annagh Lake Amenity Development however the adjudicator is aware that this may be outside of the remit of the Tidy Towns Committee and so no marks have been deducted. Litter control was excellent in the village centre, no doubt due to your daily litter picking activities and organised litter patrols involving local children and adults. It is important that all litter picked is segregated for recycling. Do let us know if you participate in the National Spring Clean week.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

We wish you every success in organising a suitable site for a recycling point in the village and well done on the ongoing programme with the school on litter segregation. A community waste audit might be undertaken with a view to establishing the amount of waste generated and strategies devised to minimise this overall.

### **Tidiness:**

Your work to discourage the erection of posters in the village on service poles is valuable and we wish you every possible success with this initiative. The overall appearance of Butlersbridge is one of tidiness however there is room for improvement in the presentation of the yards located near the roundabout at the northern section of village centre. Well done on having advertisement hoardings removed

### **Residential Areas:**

On-street dwellings are reasonably well presented however some could be cleaned/painted to their roadside facade to freshen their appearance; if they are painted the existing neutral colour scheme which predominates within the village should be respected. The new development of three dwellings at Mill View is neat in appearance. The gardens of dwellings and their roadside green areas on the inner northern entrance road look particularly well. The Drummaney estate is nicely presented also.

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

Entrances to Butlersbridge from approach roads are presented in different ways and both are equally attractive; the wild grasses backed by mature hedgerow and trees on the northern approach road have their own special beauty whilst the neatly trimmed outer edges of roadside verges along the southern approach with wild grasses to the inside of verges are complemented beautifully by stands of mature trees. Nameplates are an attractive feature and other street furniture looks well also.

### **General Impression:**

Hopefully the ownership problem in relation to the land under the new bridge will be resolved and the area developed in the not-too-distant future. Butlersbridge is a beautiful village and your small community is to be congratulated for their commitment to their home place.