

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAGH**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	17
Litter Control	40	10
Tidiness	20	5
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15
General Impression	10	3
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>127</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks to the Ballinagh Tidy Towns Committee for their excellent application and their matrix of work to be done as prepared by their consultants. This is the proper approach to take and while the results have yet to be seen some start has been made on work to date.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Ballinagh has a meandering little river running through its centre offering the best opportunity for a wildlife presentation within the village and you are encouraged to consult with your local wildlife enthusiasts to identify how this might be achieved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The developmental plans outlined in your consultants report are beginning to take shape and landscaping was noted especially at the estate on the Cavan Road, the excellent walls at the Community Centre and the nice planting at the site of the proposed National School. Well done on this.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

While a number of the enterprises in the town centre, such as Centra, Cronins and the launderette are to be commended for their excellent response to their buildings, much remains to be done. The poor presentation of the local Garda Station for instance, the continued use of the Market House as a storage area and the poor presentation of the ORahelly Hall are examples of areas where you might respond better to the housing stock. A town such as Ballinagh must jealously guard its traditional vernacular buildings and protect them should they go for sale.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Control is not the word, there was simply litter everywhere and until you come to terms with this you cannot hope to do well in the competition.

### **TIDINESS**

Similarly all the streets need sweeping and in addition to litter, all the footpaths had tree shedding and grass, rubbish etc., blowing about in a most untidy fashion.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The older estate on the Cavan Road was noted both for its landscaping and for its fine presentation of its private houses and good private houses and gardens were noted on the Killeshandra Road. In keeping with most urban areas of small villages, the outlying roads had a number of fine private houses but overall the impression was that much remains to be done.

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

The Cavan approach Road and the Crossdoney Road were well maintained with verges etc. in a reasonable state. Unfortunately this does not extend to the Athlone Road nor to the Granard Road. It is so important that a good impression is given on the arrival to any town, for instance on the Cavan Road the Ballinagh sign was broken and is in disrepair; this is not good enough!

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A start has begun and your plan outlines very clearly what needs to be achieved. You need to take your

community further into the programme with you. Your Fas scheme is paying dividends, their landscaping is going ahead but until each an every member of the community participates you will have one hand tied behind your back. Good luck for the future and keep up the good work.