

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYJAMESDUFF**
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	27
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	9
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	155

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your adjudicator had a mixed experience of his latest visit to Ballyjamesduff. Your excellent development plan allied to your very clear application form was most helpful. However the wide variety of work you have appeared to have set yourself is not yet making an impact. Nonetheless, keep up the good work, keep focused, keep managing your plan and you will do well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new section within the Tidy Towns Competition and one which Ballyjamesduff, with the Grove available to it might well develop a particular niche. Consider the Grove and other areas of your town. Seek the advice of your local wildlife experts and you will quickly find where signposted routes or natural habitats might be encouraged.

LANDSCAPING

Here, previously remarked upon love of planting and flower scapes comes to the fore here. Well done, the bedded area opposite the Market House is doing particularly well for you. The grounds of the Catholic Church were an absolute joy and the newly bedded areas at the junctions around the town have set a new standard for you. Well done on that.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your hardware store, now that it is completed is an example of all that can be good in urban architecture in small towns, congratulations to the owner. Overall your previous concerns of dereliction have been well addressed. The considerable number of shopfronts being repainted and redeveloped was to be admired. Black spots of course remain, the Markson Factories are particularly prone to car park plight etc. and you really should ask the Markson Factory owners to address this, also the G.A.A. Park is quite simply a disgrace on its perimeter. Beautiful, playing fields being mechanically watered on the day of my visit, yet the wall and perimeter need some improvement. Green's Pharmacy was noted for its very pleasant appearance along with a number of other private properties. Saint Clare's school and the Courthouse will become problems for you if something is not done about them.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was obvious on the day of the visit. Nonetheless your new litter bins were clearly visible and certainly an improvement is noted overall within this category.

TIDINESS

The elements which make up this category, some litter, some dereliction, bad footpaths, verges not kept, weeds growing at the base of buildings etc., add up to an overall picture which does not allow you to score as high as you might. Please consider these minor items in order to score better within this category.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Cusack Estate yet again appeared very good and congratulations to the Percy French Park residents who did such an excellent job this year. Good private housing was noted on the Dublin Road there still remains more work to be done both within the private and public housing in the town. For instance the Cross Keys Road Terrace overlooking the town, while it had nice private gardens, has not responded at all to the public area in front. Please encourage them to do so.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

With such a spread out town and so many approach roads the back areas and the side streets will always be your Achilles Tendon. It might be premature with all else that has to be done to encourage you to emphasise it, but you must pay attention to these areas as well. The approach roads generally were not as neat or as tidy as they might be and in some cases the entrance signs were obscured by overgrown grasses.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyjamesduff has set itself a very high task with development. You have made tremendous progress in recent years and will continue to do well. However to get back to the halcyon days of the 1960's you will have to come up to the standards set by so many other towns. This will not be easy but it will be a challenge and I have no doubt that you will make every effort. Best wishes for the future.