

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYBRACK**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	167

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations to the committee for their ongoing commitment to the Tidy Towns Competition. You have begun discussions with a number of like-minded groups such as the Loughlinstown Community Woodland Project, the Cill Inion Leinin Old Churchyard Committee and the recycling project which is to be commended. We look forward with great interest to progress made in these areas. Thank you for your completed form, detailed map and enclosed plans for development.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee have recognised this area as an important element of their work as a Tidy Towns Committee. There is a great deal of potential in certain projects such as the Loughlinstown Community Woodland Project. The Shanganagh River is another area which could be developed into a wonderful natural amenity.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped area at the corner of the Shanganagh and Wyattville Roads is attractive with the flower boxes, seating and litter bin. The area landscaped directly opposite on Shanganagh Road, beside the telephone box, is also well kept as is the area by the bus stop on Church Road. On the day of adjudication it was encouraging to see many local people using these amenities. The shrubs growing near the boundary walls of the car park on Church Road need to be tended to and the decaying plants removed. The green in Dale View is well kept. Perhaps it might be an idea to include seating or a flower bed in this area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Londis Superstore shopfront looks particularly attractive so too do the hanging baskets and window boxes on display at the Jet Filling Station and the Ramblers Rest. The Hillstone, Video Station, Kambo Chinese Takeaway and Kanes Funeral Directors were all tidy and perhaps for next year could be persuaded to add some hanging flower baskets to their shopfronts. The shops on the opposite side of Church Road were also tidy as was the adjoining car park. The Marianist Community Church and grounds were well tended. Igo Inn is attractive but would benefit from the replacement of plants in the flower tubs and the repair of signage on its front facade. Ballybrack Post Office is tidy. Perhaps the boundary walls could be painted to brighten up the area.

LITTER CONTROL

Car parks and shopping areas were, in general, litter free. Well done to the committee for progress made in this area. The village could use additional litter bins which should be carefully positioned on busy roads such as Shanganagh Road and Military Road. The litter outside Hallinans Store was particularly heavy and had spread to the residential area of Firgrove.

TIDINESS

There were many improvements to the general presentation of the village this year. Flyposting was gratefully absent in most areas. Graffiti, however, continues to give a negative impression of the area. This problem is difficult to curb as it involves much persistence, but the rewards can be significant.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is obvious that the residents of Ballybrack take pride in the presentation of their houses and gardens especially in areas such as Ash Hurst, Killiney Gate, Dale View, Albany Court, The Sycamores, Moorefield and Killiney Avenue. The pedestrian pathway leading to Sheelin Hill from Shanganagh Road

was untidy with much litter and foliage. The pavement is also in need of repair. The landscaped area at the entrance to Firgrove is to be commended. Shanganagh Terrace would benefit from more attention given to pavement weeds and their removal as would Sheelin Drive, Sheelin Avenue and Sheelin Hill.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is much graffiti in evidence on walls and back areas. Some of Ballybracks signage is also covered in graffiti, making a few signs impossible to read. Much work needs to be done to clean up decaying foliage, weeds and litter from roads such as Shanganagh Road, Station Road and Wyattville Road. We recognise that some of this work has already begun. It is a tedious task but can have effective results especially where old stone walls are present, like the old churchyard walls. The pathway to the rear of the Marianist Community Church is in need of attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The committee has involved itself in many different projects concerning development of the area and its enthusiasm is to be commended. Do not forget, however, the more tiresome task of removing weeds, litter and graffiti from various public areas.