

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLINAN**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	17
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	164

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The co-operative effort over fund raising and the involvement of the FAS Community Employment Scheme, are impressive. The plans for the future which have been approved by the Local Authority, identify very well what the priorities are in Ballylinan from a townscape point of view; the idea of integrating the two sections of the village has much to say for itself, and the proposed extensive planting of trees is as obvious as it is necessary. When working on details of this plan, please ensure that kerbside, paving, and other improvements are not of an inappropriately urban nature which would destroy the village atmosphere. The implementation of this plan is looked forward to eagerly, and with best wishes.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This adjudicator liked the unclipped hawthorn hedge in the first road of housing (un-named on map) on the right as you go out the Rahan road; because it borders on fields, it brings nature into the village, and is very acceptable in a way which an unclipped hedge would not be, for example between two houses.

LANDSCAPING

Planting in the neighbourhood of the school and sports ground was much admired: a good result here. The graveyard was well looked after. Landscaping at Leylandii was impressive, particularly at the start of this road - but work seemed to finish before the end in an indeterminate and disappointing way; the same was the case in the parallel road nearer the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, School and Health Centre are well kept. Fitzpatrick's shop and surroundings require attention.

LITTER CONTROL

Poor - especially since it is stated in the answers to the questionnaire that the children collect litter. (Better, of course, not to drop litter at all!) Litter was particularly noticeable on the Rahan road, especially in the fence near the entrance to Leylandii; and also in the area surrounding Noonan's, and in the cul-de-sac to the south of the village.

TIDINESS

The rough lettering on the litter bins is untidy in itself. The grounds of the old church were very weedy indeed on adjudication day, and there was kerbside weeds in several places throughout the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some charming country-style gardens especially at private houses on the Rahan road. The road parallel to Leylandii had considerable kerbside weeds - the kind of weed which each householder ought to be able to deal with in ten minutes. Planted troughs looked pleasant here. Cottages in a cul-de-sac (also not marked on map) to the south of the village were quite neat. The housing estate on the west of the Castlecomer road was the best looking in the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces and paving adequate. The back area of Phelan's Garage was untidy and the old pump opposite should be cleaned, painted or removed - these are the kind of small details which catch the eye and give

a scruffy effect to an otherwise neat village. New and improved stone walls very impressive indeed - congratulations to those who accomplished this work.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A village of contrasts - some beautifully kept areas in proximity to quite untidy ones.