

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLIVOR**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your development plan complete with questionnaire and detailed map were very informative and well presented. Clearly quite a lot of work has taken place in Ballivor since the adjudicators visit last year. Your Committee and the community should be congratulated for all the hard work. The adjudicator did note that there were two more years left of your plan and when completed the village should be much improved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in and around the village. The wooded area on the Mullingar Road had been well cleaned up and is a hive of wildlife activity. The new trees on the Kinnegad road were also noted as well as the river area. Unfortunately the river had some debris and litter in it on the inspection day. The bird sanctuary on the Trim road was also noted and maybe this could be developed further. Clearly there is great potential in and around the village and this should be included in your future plans.

LANDSCAPING

This is an area where your Committee have been very active. The grounds of the NEC were very impressive. However, some spraying of the grass area to the front would be advisable as a number of weeds were beginning to grow. The area in front of Woodgrove Estate had also been nicely finished and well presented. In and around the village your choice of flowers and shrubs and where you have located them should be commended, they brought a lot of colour to the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As mentioned earlier the NEC complex was very well presented. The newly finished health centre was neat and tidy and had a lovely complementary stone wall surrounding. The national school and Catholic Church including their grounds were both clean and tidy. Work seemed to be ongoing at St Kenneths Church and hopefully when the interior work is completed the grounds will be completed also. The majority of the business premises were well presented with a lovely selection of window and hanging floral baskets. Improvements could however be made to the facade of the Greyhound Bar and its car parking area. The Credit Union, McLoughlins Bar and Maxol Garage are all worthy of praise in their presentation.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control on the day of inspection was very good with little or no litter evident. However, there was some litter in the river and along some of the hedgerows on the approach roads. Litter bins were clearly evident in and around the village and appeared to be well maintained.

TIDINESS

In general the village centre appeared tidy and free from weeds. The new paving and street layout has made a nice difference and when completed should look really well. Attention should be paid to the Kinnegad approach road where weeds were growing at the kerbside and also to the car park of the Greyhound where there was debris and weeds evident.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates on the Mullingar and Kinnegad roads appeared well presented. Some of the grass areas to the front did however require cutting. The individual residential properties in the village were all well presented with one or two minor exceptions. Residents should be congratulated on their efforts and

encouraged to continue to improve their premises.

ROADS, STREETS, AND BACK AREAS

All of the approach roads were covered by the adjudicator and although there was no major problem it was an area where more attention was needed. The road signs on your approach were all clean and tidy. It was noted, that they were sponsored by NEC. The adjudicator has taken into account that it is your intention in conjunction with Meath County Council to tackle this area as part of your plan next year. Basically all that is needed is for the verges and hedgerows to be cut and maintained more regularly.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballivor shows great potential and your plan is certainly on target. Keep up the good work and good luck.