

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINODE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Clearly the work achieved to date in Ballinode by your Tidy Towns Committee has risen from a good, focused and determined approach. Previous adjudications remarked on same. Therefore your proposal to put in place a more definite development plan for your Tidy Towns is doubly welcomed - it will surely lead to a fourfold increase in results! Your comment as to the neutrality of such a report is indeed true. Make sure that it is presented to your community for endorsement by all and you will find that some of the wrinkles could be levelled out!

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

With the river Blackwater meandering in such a lovely way through your village you have every opportunity to pick up extra marks here. You have done well this year because you have presented it to be clean and tidy. Next year we will be looking for evidence of wildlife - wild fowl perhaps and information on what wildlife can be seen etc.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your planted areas looked very good, notably the half barrels along the walls and the planting at some of the junctions. The Pitch and Putt also looked very well on the day of adjudication and it is an excellent feature in a village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The community centre was good; the Church of Ireland grounds were excellent; the new houses along the village enhanced the streetscape and their developers are to be congratulated on the sensitive response to the vernacular architecture of the village such as Ballinode.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

It was heartening to see the number of bins that were so clearly on display and these were resulting in no litter being seen on the day of adjudication. Well done.

### **TIDINESS**

This is different from litter, this is about good housekeeping, clean, swept streets, swept gutters etc. and candidly, you could have done better here.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The village houses themselves were very well presented with a number of lovely features. Neat ivy very carefully piped was noted on a number of houses and one excellent yard, directly opposite the Church of Ireland where agricultural buildings were presented beautifully to the street. Well done on this.

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

The Tydavnet Road houses, both the estate and the private houses are to be congratulated on their standard of presentation.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballinode knows what it is about. The professional help that will be forthcoming through your plan will harden your efforts and solve some of your problems and from all of this will come even better results in years to come. We look forward to seeing you again.

