

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAGARE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	10
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	10
Tidiness	20	7
Residential Areas	30	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	3
TOTAL MARK	300	99

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The strong sense of community development which was in evidence last year seems to have waned somewhat. You might consider re-assessing your work programme and doing a co-ordinated plan with the local authority, FÁS and other interested parties, particularly the local community. Such a plan would give you a blueprint for development and a programme of work to follow.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your questionnaire makes no reference to this important heading in the revised Tidy Towns Competition and we would suggest that you have your local environmental expert / organisation assist you to identify habitats and provide other specialist advice.

LANDSCAPING

The few flower beds you do have are in need of weed control and while the grass verges on the approach roads were cut, more could be done by way of tree and shrub planting to give a better impression of the village. In addition, some open areas such as those beside and opposite the church were very overgrown and unkempt and weed control is a problem in many areas including outside the refurbished stone cottage on the Frenchpark road.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Martins, Byrons and B.J. Morans looked well. The use of flower baskets and tubs, where well maintained is attractive. The old whitewashed stone wall from Molloy's on the Castlerea road needs upgrading. The church wall needs painting and the old church should be upgraded and the old machinery removed.

LITTER CONTROL

There was evidence of litter on the main street and lots of it in the area of the community centre which gives a very poor impression. Some of the litter bins are in a poor condition.

TIDINESS

The overall impression given the litter, the poor state of the red seats and poorly maintained flower beds is not one of tidiness and neatness. The new stone wall on the Castlerea road is attractive but the community will have to do more themselves apart from the FÁS contribution.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general homes are well maintained and the home and garden on the right hand side as you go down the Castlerea road is commendable. Others could do more to upgrade and improve the appearance of their residences.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A long term aim should be to improve the footpaths and street-scape of the village. Improvements by way of tree planting and well maintained flower tubs would also help. The plastic tubs with weeds beside the red seat should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You will have to re-double your efforts if you are to improve your position in this highly competitive competition.

