

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAHEGLISH-BALLYMACURLEY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	8
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	4
TOTAL MARK	300	125

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your request and the report from Flanagan & Associates dated April 94. The new competition has new headings which will have to be addressed if you are to advance in the competition. We would suggest that you co-ordinate your activities with the local authority, FÁS and other interested parties to address the new areas in the competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

All areas have potential to maximise wildlife habitats and natural amenities. A good starting point might be to encourage your local environmentalist to advise you in the organisation of your work programme.

LANDSCAPING

You have done well with the assistance of FÁS to build the cut stone walls and do some tree planting. However, you have great opportunities to develop new shrub beds and make a better presentation of the school area. The flower bed at McDermotts Bar looks well again and the example should be followed elsewhere.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

McDermotts looks well but the church and school need your attention. Such community buildings should be better presented if you are to do well in this competition. McDermotts should be encouraged to tidy up the yard containing the old truck and overgrown areas.

LITTER CONTROL

There was evidence of litter in the church car park but little elsewhere.

TIDINESS

Once the new stone walls and the pipe work have been completed, the village should look neat and tidy. More flower and shrub beds can only add to this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have a limited number of residences and it should not be difficult to encourage residents to do more to improve the appearance of their gardens and homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Your work on the approach roads stone walls will be most attractive when completed. Back areas should be addressed and unnecessary clutter removed where possible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your village is small and compact. More could be done to improve its appearance with very little effort. There may be an over reliance on the FÁS scheme which, if true, will not be sufficient to ensure your advancement in this highly competitive competition.