

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAMEEN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	16
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	139

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your detailed submission and map with proposed work was most helpful. You are to be commended for getting the support of the local authority and FÁS and it is good to see the work in progress on the stone walls and old school. You still have to get the full co-operation of the local community if you are to advance in this highly competitive competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village incorporating the stream, green areas and approach roads provide great potential for nature conservation. A good start would be to invite your local environmentalist to advise you on habitat and provide specialist information. The nesting area in the stone walls and sensitive cutting of hedgerows is most appropriate.

LANDSCAPING

The approach roads, stream and green areas in the village provide great potential for more shrub beds. Selective tree planting should be undertaken and you should note that you have a problem with moss and weed growth which needs to be addressed. The amenity area is most attractive.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have a programme of work for planting and screening. The Post Office is attractive with its flower baskets, etc. and hopefully others will follow the example set here. It would be good if plastic signs could be replaced with more traditional design signs and shop-fronts. You have a challenge to contend with in the hay-shed and turf- shed both of which need upgrading. The church and cemetery look well but the weeds and moss should be removed and the flower tubs opposite should be either planted with shrubs / flowers or removed.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some evidence of litter in the area of the church car park which detracts from the neatness of the village.

TIDINESS

The general impression of tidiness and neatness is adversely affected by the weeds and moss and the grass verges which were in need of attention. Your programme for the erection of stone walls will do much to improve the overall appearance of the village but individual property owners will need to play their part also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It will be a challenge to get the support of everyone in the village but this is the essence of the Tidy Towns Competition and your committee can contribute with guidance and assistance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Consideration should be given to new footpaths and planted flower beds and the main approach roads could be improved in terms of grass-verge cutting and presentation. We note your plans to improve entry signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Doing well in this competition is difficult. You have done well in getting the local authority and FÁS to assist you and hopefully, over the coming years, you will transform the appearance of your village and be a key competitor in this competition.