

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER-ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	16
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	300	195

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for the comprehensive submission from Michael Holland (Snr.). Ballintubber is a well established competitor in the competition and your considerable work over the years bears witness to this. Under the new competition structure we would encourage you to produce a co-ordinated development plan in co-operation with the local authority, FÁS and other interested parties, using the new headings of adjudication as areas to address in the plan. Your core group of committee members have most obviously won the support of everybody in the village and are to be commended for this.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

All areas have potential for the development of nature conservation areas. A good starting point would be to invite the assistance of your local environmental experts to advise you and contribute to your development plan. Your village has many green areas and is surrounded by lush countryside providing lots of opportunities for wildlife habitat development.

LANDSCAPING

This is an areas of strength for your village. You have done well to develop and maintain the many shrub beds and green areas. The cemetery is very well maintained and a credit to the FÁS workers. The old school with its flower tubs is most attractive. The new school, the church and the borders around the car park are a credit to you all.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All of your important and commercial buildings are well maintained and presented. Kennys and Garveys are fine examples. Where possible encourage commercial premises to remove plastic signs from windows, the butcher shop opposite the old school could be improved on in this manner by providing a more traditional sign to advertise the trade. The greatest challenge and opportunity is the Castle and hopefully you will address its refurbishment in your development plan.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter at the entrance to the cemetery but little elsewhere and commercial premises are to be commended for this.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of Ballintubber is one of neatness and tidiness as a Tidy Town Competitor. You should encourage the buses to park off the grass areas and car trailers to be removed to the rear of premises, if possible.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again this is an areas of strength. You have commendably won the support of Ballintubber's residents, as is evident in the high standard of homes, wide use of flower tubs and neat gardens. Keep up the good work!

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads and streets are well maintained and presented. The stone walls, green areas and Irish town signs are most attractive. You might consider further tree planting on the Roscommon approach road. Your work on improving the Ballymoe road hopefully include footpaths along the new stone walls.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of your committee, your FÁS workers, the local authority and the whole community are to be commended. Marks have been awarded under this heading for the successful way you have won such support and hopefully you will address your efforts to the new headings now covered in the competition.