

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYFARNON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 20 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 28 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 24 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 16 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 20 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 165 |

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your very detailed questionnaire submitted by Harriet Killoran, which was most informative. It is not clear whether you have prepared a five-year development plan with the local authority and other interested parties, if not, we would recommend this approach which would provide you with a detailed work programme.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With the many green areas and the river system you have great potential for nature conservation. We would recommend that you involve your local environmental groups/experts to assist you in identifying habitat and providing the specialist information which would be of use to your committee.

LANDSCAPING

You have great strength in this area. The approach roads are a credit to you, the trees, shrubs and flower beds are a clear indication of a Tidy Town Competitor. There is more potential in the GAA park and we note your problems with the No. 4 Council house with the car tyre, etc. but these problems must be addressed if you are to advance in this competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Here again you have achieved much. Most of the commercial buildings use traditional shop-fronts, many have window boxes, tubs or hanging baskets which are well maintained. P.J. MacDonagh's is exemplary, not just for the front but also for the entry area at the rear of his property. The garage looks well, as does the church and the problem with the tyre delivery was noted but their presence does detract from the overall impression of the town. Continue to encourage traditional shop-fronts and the removal of plastic signs along with the use of flower tubs and hanging baskets.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication there was little evidence of litter save for some in the area of the Kilronan Park.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of this town is one of tidiness and neatness. This will be enhanced when you realise your programme for village renewal with the local authority, providing a focal point in the centre of the village and improvements to footpaths, etc.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This area is one of your greatest challenges. Some residences are wonderfully presented and maintained like the garden on the Sligo road, others make a negative contribution such as the occupier of the No. 4 house overlooking the GAA park where the garden is overgrown and unkempt. You must win the full support of all the community if you are to realise your goal of winning this competition.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There are problems with some of the back areas - unkempt yards, poorly constructed gates and doorways to sheds, etc. The Village Renewal Scheme will assist with the streetscape and you should do all in your power to get the Council to assist you with this programme.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have achieved much and deserve the full support and assistance of your community and local authority. We wish you well and every success over the coming years.