

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLEAGUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	18
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	9
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	143

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns form. You did not mention how many members you have on your committee. You should start planning now for the future of Ballyleague by developing a 3 - 5 year plan. You should set realistic goals concentrating on one job at a time. Try to involve all of the community. It is not fair leaving the work to just a few people.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to identify some wildlife habitats in your area. You have great open spaces and you are making good use of them, particularly by the river bank. The tennis court and surrounding area are maintained to a high standard. On adjudication day work was being carried out by the pool area. This is a great amenity for the local people.

LANDSCAPING

There is some nice tree planting down by the tennis court. As these mature they will certainly make this area more attractive. There is some nice use of hanging baskets and window boxes throughout. The more flowers and shrubs being utilised the more colourful the town will look.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Jet Petrol Station is well presented. The church and grounds are well maintained but the railings should be painted. Fergus Hanley Shop looks good. The goods stored outside the shop makes it look rather untidy, could they be screened off in some way. The credit union is a lovely building, but the wall beside it is a bit of an eyesore. The Life Belt Bar and the Shannon Bar are presented to a good standard. The street furniture at the Slieve Ban Hotel should be painted. Mairtins Thatch Cottage bar is a credit to the owners. The Statoil Service Station is also presented to a high standard. The walls at the entrance to Pairc Naomh Saithleach and the club house could do with a fresh coat of paint. The entrance area is rather untidy looking.

LITTER CONTROL

On adjudication day the village looked neat and tidy. There is good litter control and you are to be commended for this. This is a very important category and it is good to see that people are doing their best to keep their own area neat and tidy. There was a little bit of litter on the road leading down by the tennis court.

TIDINESS

There is a good supply of litter bins throughout. I particularly liked the way the bins are concealed at the amenity area by the river.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses throughout the village and on the approach roads are well maintained and presented to a high standard. The houses opposite the football pitch look neat and tidy and the grass verges well maintained. Some lovely houses especially on the Strokestown Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance from Longford Road looks very good. The stone flower beds at the base of the sign for Ballyleague is very nice. Pity about the derelict shed beside the petrol station, do you have any plans for this? A nice wall was being built and should be lovely on completion.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyleague is a most attractive village. The bridge is the focal point of the village and is presented to a very high standard. Develop your plans over the coming years. There are many organisations, i.e. Fas, The County Council etc. with a wealth of information who should be able to assist you. I enjoyed my visit to your town. May I wish you continued success for the future.