

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINDERRY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	31
The Built Environment	40	31
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	215

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the detailed map and information received - these were helpful on the day of adjudication. It was evident that the Ballinderry Tidy Towns Committee have continued the good work started by completion of ongoing projects and maintaining the work already carried out in the village. However, some of the items mentioned in last years progress report still need attention. When supplying the 3/5 year plan required for 1997 these areas should be targeted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Gardens at the Tavern and Hogans Pub very attractive and pleasant, as were the planted area around the car park at Hogans Pub and at the riverside amenity. The very colourful hanging baskets on stands situated throughout the village are also very attractive. At the riverside amenity it would be good if access could be obtained to the area behind the barn where the rambling roses are growing and provide seating here. Again there were old plastic containers and boxes under one of the arches of the bridge and two milk cartons and a plastic bag of rubbish in the river on the day of adjudication. With regard to the wildlife element there is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Look to local environmental experts and groups to advise you.

LANDSCAPING

On the loop road out of the village to Terryglass there is a well maintained grass area on the left which has been planted with trees and a nice stone wall opposite. Grassed areas with trees also noted on the Coolbaun entrance road and on the Borrisokane road also in front of four well presented houses. The pump opposite the tea rooms is a nice feature. Is there a sign to be replaced here ? If not, the metal frame should be removed. On the day of adjudication two young people were working in the village with a strimmer.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

On the Terryglass road the Post Office needs a new sign and greater effort on path and entrance weed control is needed here. The entrance and grounds to the caravan park were well maintained, as was the area opposite with flowers planted by the roadside wall. Your comment re difficulty of Garage to keep tidy was noted. However, this building does need to be painted and the old cars at the rere will never drive anywhere again and should be disposed of. The four houses between the Garage and the Tavern are well maintained with small stretches of stone wall between. The Tavern was well maintained - its forecourt was neat and tidy, and its garden was pleasant. The hanging baskets and stone wall opposite were nice. Hogans Pub/ house next door and gardens were very well maintained. The car park opposite Hogans was nicely planted to blend in with village. Lakeside Cottage Tea Rooms were well kept, as was the house next door. Planted wooden troughs at tea rooms could be more colourful. The Garda station needs to be repainted and new curtains provided. This was mentioned in the report last year also. At the Telecom Eireann installation on the Borrisokane road the grass was cut and roadside area sprayed for weeds. The shed/old house and yard with machinery near the Ballyfinboy River amenity area needs attention. Perhaps the walls of this building could be covered by planting something like Virginia creeper here.

LITTER CONTROL

No litter in evidence on the day of adjudication (except at the riverside amenity as mentioned). A good number of litter bins were noted throughout the village. A better fixed bin needed near the telephone kiosk adjacent to the Tavern.

TIDINESS

There was no fly posting evident during adjudication. Weed control at kerbs and at base of buildings was not a problem except at the Post Office as mentioned and the white house opposite. Again, as mentioned above, the wrecked cars at the rear of the Garage should be removed and also the ivy which is tending to take over a number of stone walls could be given attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Apart from the buildings already mentioned there are a number of individual houses throughout the village and on the approach roads. These are, in the main, well kept and contribute to the good appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS.

On the approach road from Coolbaun the hedgerows are trimmed and tidy for a considerable distance outside the village. Also on this road there are well kept grassed areas and some tree planting. The approach road from Kilbarron is reasonably well maintained and the Borrisokane road is well kept out as far as the Quarry. On the road signed to Gurtalougha House near the Coolbaun entrance to the village the hedges are trimmed but the grassed area near the second house (farmhouse) on the left needs attention. Signage in general is quite good but constant monitoring is recommended. The Welcome to Ballinderry signs are to be commended.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is obviously a very good commitment to the Tidy Towns ideal throughout the village with a few exceptions. The obvious efforts made to involve the whole community and the various developmental agencies is to be commended. There is potential for Ballinderry to advance in the Competition and consolidation of the work already undertaken and commitment to rectifying the areas still in need of attention is recommended.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (15/08/96)

With a little extra effort paid to detail, the village could be greatly enhanced. Weed control was poor at the Post office and also at lake Shore Cottage. The standard of the garage seemed better a year or two ago. Several corrugated shed roofs could be improved. Serious consideration should be given to the continuance of hedging along wire fences. The riverside was commendably litter free this time - perhaps a seat or bench could be provided at the bridge. The prolific use of colourful flowers is most effective - Hogans was particularly noteworthy. The grass verges in general had been exceptionally well maintained.