

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYCANEW**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	187

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your Plan for 1994 - 1998 which was much appreciated. It has set out your objectives for now and in the future. There is also an evenness to your Plan and would hope that the targets outlined are achieved. It was good to see that you worked closely with the Local Authority and FAS. Do also liaise with National Rehabilitation Board in Wexford town and the Regional Tourism Organisation, ESB, Telecom, etc. They may have some useful advice to give you. You as Committee can be rightly proud of your achievements to-date and of your efforts on behalf of the Community. Also it is great to see that you have involved the School and its Students. Do make sure that you involve all houses and business premises. It is not satisfactory that it should be left to a few people doing all the work.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It was great to see that you have made efforts to encourage wildlife and what you have done is very good. I would suggest that you now contact a local environmental expert to advise and provide you with the specialist information which you will require. You possibly have many wildlife habitats and will be surprised at the species you will discover - birds, animals, native berry-producing trees and shrubs.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout is of a high standard. Some lovely planting was done down from the Church at the stone wall. At the Yield Sign from Ferns coming from the Church - delightful planting done in this area and was weed-free. The tree planting by the Waterford Foods Company were again excellent as was the planting done in both corners there providing a delightful selection of flowers, trees and shrubs which will give year-round effect. At the triangle it was marvellous to see the stone seating and the stone planting areas with a wonderful selection of flowers and shrubs. The landscaping was again very good at the wall leading to the Centra Store. The window boxes and hanging baskets do wonders for the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School was presented excellently, was tidy and neat and well landscaped. The Church again was well presented. Most of the businesses looked very well and they are to be complemented on their efforts. The Centra Store has lovely window boxes, Fortune's Bar has again a delightful flower display - both plants and hanging baskets. Is it possible to have old petrol pumps removed or made a feature by re-conditioning them? The StatOil Petrol Station and Post Office were extremely well presented. It is important that businesses who have plastic signage be encouraged to replace them. No doubt they will have plans to do so sooner rather than later. It is good to see the old Church is under renovation and when completed will further enhance the village. Well done to all who contributed in helping the built landscape look so well.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent. The litter bins with the stone facing were a delight. A few small bins were observed at St Moling's Church. All business premises should have bins located in a suitable area outside their premises.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was neat, tidy and colourful - kerbs were weed-free. You might ask the owners with gates to fields to paint same. Overall weed control was well taken care of.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Ounavarra housing estate was spotless - open spaces neatly cut. A lovely selection of shrubs and

plants - all houses were well presented. The work done here is outstanding and that includes the planting of shrubs, trees, flowers and shrub areas. When the planned tennis and basketball courts come on stream, it will be a tremendous amenity for the residents - congratulations to one and all. All individual houses were extremely good in their presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The 30 mile speed limit signs opposite Ounavarra Estate need to be cleaned and one straightened. The approach roads were presented to a high standard. A lovely "Welcome" stone sign on Wexford approach road - again lovely plants. Also a similar sign and planting was observed on the other road. It was great to see attention being given to repairing kerbs in the housing estate. The area below Centra does need resurfacing, etc.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are a tremendously enthusiastic and hard working Committee and you deserve all the support which can be got and still to be got from the Community. Your efforts are to say the least commendable. Your 5 year Plan is an excellent one. Well done.