

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYCULLANE**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 25 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 12 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 27 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 24 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 27 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 26 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 181 |

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your committee is doing excellent work in making this village good to live in. A 3 to 5 year Plan will need to be produced for 1997. What is required would be a simple work programme which will guide your Tidy Town activities and set out a number of objectives for each year. It is important to have an evenness of attention throughout the village. Do liaise with the Local Authority, FAS, ESB and your Regional Tourism Organisation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential to develop wildlife habitats in your area. Do invite a local environmental expert to advise you with the information you require. What about the area on either side of the bridge - you have wildlife plant there. Do identify the wildlife adjoining or in the village. You will be delighted at how many varieties you will discover. Your treatment of the approach road ditches is good and encourages the growth plant life for bees and birds.

LANDSCAPING

The open spaces in St Martin's Park area are neat and tidy. There is also some lovely shrub planting - it is weed-free and maintenance is very good. Throughout the village all trees, planters and shrub beds are beautifully maintained. Some delightful planting on the stone wall. The telephone booth received unusual treatment - a creeper planted on top and trailing downwards. It is a tremendous idea to soften the modern functional look of the booth. The landscaping throughout is exceptional and maintenance excellent.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Church - in pristine condition with shrubs maturing nicely. The Garda Station was being maintained very well and again had some lovely flowers. The School again looks very well with a great variety of trees, shrubs and flowers. The area around the Post Office and the building itself is just so pleasant looking. The other buildings again are all making a tremendous effort at contributing to the look of the village. The Railway Station got a face-lift which is most pleasant for all travellers.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent. Do not delay on this one. Litter is a big issue and you must keep up the effort on this one.

TIDINESS

Control of weed growth at all kerbs was again very good with just an odd one towards the bridge. There was a total absence of fly posting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St Martin's Park houses are very well maintained. Weather stained walls was referred to last year are still there but one can appreciate the difficulties (it is an expensive job to do). However - keep it on the agenda. There are derelict houses - they need attention. All houses by and large look well - keep up the great work all residents.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were presented so well. The proposed stone wall at the graveyard will hopefully be

completed by 1997. All signs were clean and in good condition. Seats will need a touch up sooner rather than later.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your committee is doing some fine work for the community and no doubt is appreciated. The treatment of the telephone booth and the area "Post Office" ditch was just great !