

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLICKY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	23	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171	164

Ballylickey, Co Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to read in your entry form that you maintain contact with the official bodies and that you are making use of the FAS Youth Employment Scheme which should be as beneficial to you as to the young people involved, We did not receive a map from you this year; when providing your map next year, please mark all locations where work has been undertaken (for example Snave Pier, which is not signposted either, and which several people questioned had not heard of!).

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The fact that so many of Ballylickeys principal buildings are set in well landscaped grounds gives them a high environmental and visual profile, and influences the even higher marking in this category. Reendesert Hotel, Ouvane Falls Hotel, Dromkean Hotel, Sea View, Ballylickey Manor House and others are very well maintained. The remarkable remains of a 16th (?) century fortified house should be signposted - not to encourage access to private property, but as a matter of roadside interest. Business premises in the neighbourhood are well looked after.

LANDSCAPING

Impressive stone wall building and hedge planting was seen at Snave Pier - but already weed growth was starting; once a site is developed it has to be maintained in good order. The half-moon lawn at Dromkeal looked most attractive; however, grass cutting should take place under as well as around shrubs. A very pleasing piece of wall building, with tree planting, was taking place at the time of adjudication near Mannings: its completion will be looked forward to. First class roadside landscaping and planting was seen on the main road, especially on the right as you approach Ouvane from Glengarriff. Many hotels and private houses have first-class landscaping - among these, Ouvane Falls Hotel and Eagle Point caravan park. Landscaping, especially where it takes sensitive account of the natural terrain, is Ballylickeys strongest point.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Not a great deal seems to have been achieved this year. Ballylickey, situated between sea and mountain, is ideally placed for initiatives under this heading. There are suggestions in the Tidy Towns booklet, and also on the sheet provide by Conservation Volunteers Ireland.

LITTER CONTROL

This was reasonably good, as usual, except for the area round Snave Pier.

TIDINESS

Weed control was good, though there were slightly weedy areas

near the entrance to Dromkeal Hotel and at Snave Pier. An unpleasant rusty corrugated iron roof is visible near Eagle Point. As mentioned by last years adjudicator, there is a proliferation of untidy signage at the junction for Macroon which needs to be rationalised by public and private interests.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ballylickey is unusually in the absence of a village street. Private properties are very well kept, and boundary walls, fences and hedges are generally tidy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches from Bantry, Glengarriff and Macroon are all well maintained. Surfaces are good. The car park at Ouvane Falls was clean and weed-free on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A prosperous and picturesque locality.