

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAMORE**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 29 | 27 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 | 23 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 26 | 24 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 22 | 21 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 192 | 183 |

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballinamore Tidy Towns Committee are to be congratulated on their positive approach to the Tidy Towns Competition. The Community Employment Project plan is excellent with achievable objectives. The Committee also keep in close contact with state agencies and Leitrim County Council. There is a great community spirit in the town and it was bright and bustling on adjudication day. The removal of services underground and the canal development have enhanced the appearance of the town immeasurably. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the completed questionnaire and the excellent map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of many public buildings was outstanding. The Catholic Church looked well with its lovely floral displays, as did the Church of Ireland with its nice stone walls and well maintained grounds. The library and Genealogical Centre had a most beautiful display of flowers. St Felim's and the Vocational School also looked well. The wall at the VEC needs freshening up. Most of the commercial premises were also well presented with lovely floral displays and traditional signs. Amongst those to catch the eye were Colm's and Prior's (great use of colour), The Scorpio Boutique, Lynns, McDevitt's Pharmacy, Commercial Hotel, Credit Union, Murphy's, McGirl's and Smith's Hostel. The display of shop material (gas cylinders, briquettes, bags of potatoes, beach equipment etc) was very prevalent throughout the main street. This should cease immediately as it obstructs pavements and can be dangerous. Well done to the Committee on the improvements they have carried out on derelict buildings. Much admired were the window boxes and the houses on the Carrigallen approach.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the town was exceptional. The lovely stone walls and landscaping at the canal is exemplary. The planting of heathers on the large bank at the new marina is a credit to all concerned. The treeplanting throughout the town and on the approach roads is excellent. The town square beside St Felim's looks lovely with nice seating, treeplanting, flower tubs and beds. The new fountain, when it is in operation, will really highlight this area. Well done to the Committee for the excellent red footpaths. The flower beds on the left are marred by a broken wall and a lot of litter. Full marks to all of the residents of Ballinamore for the gorgeous display of window boxes, hanging baskets and flower tubs throughout the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The mallard ducks looked very content in the canal basins and the proposal by the Committee to photograph and identify the wildlife in the canal is innovative. The display of the findings should prove to be of great interest to the tourists and locals alike.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen in the Main Street. However, as last year, some litter was visible in the stream beside the AIB Bank. Some litter was also visible on some of the approaches and there was a litter bin full to overflowing beside the school on the Carrick approach.

TIDINESS

The yard beside the Fire Station is as mentioned in last year's report, still in poor condition. Also in this area there is an untidy green area with some dumping. The timber yard on the Carrigallen approach should be screened. Two dumped cars are visible on the left of the Killeshandra approach. When the Lakeland Dairies development is complete on the ring road it will improve the ambience of the area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of many of the houses on the approach roads is to a very high standard. There are many well maintained houses, gardens and boundary walls. The Trathnona estate and the houses opposite had somewhat overgrown gardens. There are two abandoned cars in one of the gardens. The estate in this vicinity has a mixed presentation (some poor boundary walls). As you approach the town on the Willowfield Road there are some unsightly sheds and dumped cars on the left. The houses on Church Lane were well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the approach roads were reasonably well presented. The Carrick approach and the Killeshandra approach have ongoing roadworks. They should be in excellent condition for next year. The Aughnasheelin approach had well trimmed verges and the approach to Church Lane has good presentation. The treeplanting on the approaches is admirable. The approach from Enniskillen had well maintained verges and treeplanting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making progress in the Tidy Towns Competition through great commitment and great community spirit. Well done!