

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLIVOR**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	36
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>188</b>

## **Ballivor, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for a most comprehensive application form and map. The development plan has set out a number of objectives - well done on those achieved since 1993. The village has certainly improved over that time period. Best of luck with your involvement with Kickstart - it is certainly an incentive for those involved. St Kenneths Church is a major project - well done on the work completed to date.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Dixons and Maxol were reasonable, with lovely planting of shrubs and nasturtiums along the walls. Buildings generally were well kept. The Credit Union and the Post Office looks well. The pumps needed a lick of paint. The side of McGlouglin was really well presented. Ballivor GFC looked well though the road up to it needs attention. Davis Family Value is fine though more traditional signs should be considered by some of the stores. The Garda Station and the area beside it look well. NEC is presented to the usual high standard. Ballivor Health Centre looks well - it is good to see such a building in everyday use. The grass in the school grounds was being cut as adjudication was taking place. The litter bin here needed replacing. The graveyard was reasonably well presented and the wall had been painted. The carpark at the back of the Greyhound bar was being cleaned up and will look better when completed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There were some lovely windowboxes and hanging baskets. Trees and shrubs need to be maintained and those that are stressed or dead should be removed e.g. the cherry tree on the Mullingar road. Wildflower areas have to be managed in order to encourage wildflowers rather than scutch grass/nettles and docks. The use of native plants rather than exotics such as Cordylines is more preferable. The main street would benefit from further tree planting

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The idea/plan to conserve an area of bog is excellent and would be a great amenity to the village. The stream area really needs attention. This is an area of major wildlife potential and complements the other habitats around the village such as the woodland and the proposed bog area. The tree planting to the back of NEC looks very well with lovely wildflowers.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

This was good in the centre of the village though poor in some of the estates and on the approach roads.

### **TIDINESS**

The weeds in gutters gave an impression of untidiness. Long

grass on some of the approach roads also detracted from tidiness. Amenity areas, including that opposite the Health Centre, were a credit to the people of the village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Woodgrove had some nice planting though there were some dead shrubs that required removing. The wildflower meadow is a good idea - a information board could be considered. Houses are reasonably kept, climbing plants up the breeze block wall would look more presentable. Some lovely window boxes. Some houses on the Trim approach road required painting. Quite a bit of litter was seen in the estate in St. Oliver's Park. Weedy areas were also noted at the base of walls and grassy areas needed cutting back. Stone wall looks well at the entrance of St. Oliver's Park. However, the dead tree should be removed.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The Trim road was well presented and there were some good signage. The Kinnegad road had both weeds and litter which was a shame. Broken paths also detract from this road. This road needs to be cut back at the verges - selective cutting would encourage wildflowers. The Mullingar road requires further cutting back of its verges. The Kildalkey road also required further cutting back.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballivor has progressed in recent years in the competition. There are a number of projects ongoing in the village. Further attention is needed in terms of litter, the approach roads, and the encouragement of wildlife - good luck. The use of the Irish language is to be encouraged and this should be kept in mind when erecting new signs/ information boards.