

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER-ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	200	195

Ballintubber, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballintubber is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. The overall appearance of Ballintubber is very good. There are nice landscaped entrances into the village and in the village centre. This is a pleasure to experience, even on a cold wet July day. Car parking is well organised. There is obviously a good involvement of the community in the competition as most properties are well presented. We are sorry you were disappointed with your marks for last year. This was due to a change in marking criteria rather than any serious problems in presentation. No doubt the village will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years. Thank you for your completed questionnaire form and photographs; don't forget to send in details of your planned work programme with next year's application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All buildings in the village are presented quite well. The new 'old style' extension to the restaurant is an attractive addition. The old school development is an enjoyable experience.

LANDSCAPING

The area around the namestone on the Ballymoe road might be landscaped to the standard achieved for other areas of the village. Trees and shrubs planted in early years are maturing well and the village features some very attractive amenity areas as a result of this work. Landscaping and its maintenance around the ruins of the old abbey are much admired, well done!

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to note from your questionnaire that you plan to purchase some flat land to develop as a wildlife habitat. Keep us informed on a yearly basis as to your progress and what your development plans are under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good during adjudication. This is a fine achievement. Try to maintain this standard throughout the year.

TIDINESS

Weed growth was quite prevalent along the kerb on the Castlerea road which is a pity given its absence in other areas and approach roads. Don't become discouraged regarding vacant buildings; your efforts have been rewarded in at least one instance and in time the problem will be resolved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of presentation under this heading is very good and complements the overall high standard of presentation of the village and its approach road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new stone wall along the Ballymoe road is a fine achievement. Perhaps the grass banks behind these might feature a seasonal display of local wildflowers or a ground cover plant. The roadside field boundary on the right hand side of the road approaching from the Roscommon road could be better shaped; it is inconsistent in height and shape. The brightly painted field gates around the area are a nice touch. The footpaths on the Castleplunkett road are impeccable in their presentation; well done! Perhaps the stone wall here can be restored and highlighted as an attractive feature of this entrance to the town.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Ballintubber is favourable indeed and would encourage repeat visits by the travelling public.