

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYLEAGUE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>143</b>

## **Ballyleague, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Ballyleague is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and sketch map. Do prepare a work programme spanning the next three to five years and send it in to us next year with your application. This helps to achieve a co-ordinated approach to the development of the village rather than an ad hoc one and the results tend to be more effective. The waterside location of Ballyleague together with its small harbour are valuable natural amenities.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Both the church and the community hall look well, although the railings of the church and adjoining parish house could be upgraded. Keep up the efforts to have plastic signage removed from properties. The new Credit Union looks exceptionally well especially with its flower displays. The forecourt area here is to a high standard also. One or two rusted corrugated roofs were noted as being in need of improvement. 'Martin's Cottage Bar' is beautifully presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping throughout the village is most effective. Landscaped areas on the riverbank are being very well maintained; well done! The landscaped areas on the main street and at the corner of the Strokestown road have matured well. The flower tub located across from Martin's Bar behind the service pole is now full of weeds and should be revarnished and replanted. Permanent shrubs are preferable to bedding plants.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is obviously an abundance of wildlife in the immediate environs of the village, perhaps the committee would like to earmark an appropriate wildlife project and present that as part of their Tidy Towns plan. The lakeside tennis court amenity area is impressive in its presentation, maintenance and is a fine facility for both residents and visitors. Fingerposts should be erected on the main street with directions for the lakeside amenity area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is very good with the small exception of one overflowing bin. This is a grand achievement. Do try to maintain and build upon this standard of presentation.

### **TIDINESS**

The entrance to Pairc Naomh Faithleach could be much improved by two simple measures; (1) remove the weed growth along the walls and (2) paint or whitewash the walls. The road surface could be resurfaced to eliminate potholes at some stage in the future. Be vigilant regarding building materials, these should be removed when construction work has ceased otherwise they sprout weeds in time.

Eliminate weed growth along paths, walls, roadside areas to boundary walls etc. The vacant property at the entrance to the harbour is reasonably well presented being neatly boarded up. Can anything be done about the untidy site located between the Shannonedge B&B and the vacant house?

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many roadside boundary walls of private properties are in need of repainting. Residential properties along the Strokestown road are impressive in their presentation and in their common green areas also. The new housing developments, Loughrea and Shannon Heights housing estate, no doubt will be finished to a similar high standard. Some roadside boundary walls of properties on the Strokestown road near the main road of the village need to be painted or cleaned.

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

The Roscommon approach road and entrance to the village looks well with its neatly trimmed margins and good roadside presentation of the Statoil premises. It is good to note work in progress on a new stone wall in the village which features the lake as a backdrop. Many items of street furniture such as ventilation stacks, litter bins etc. are in need of refurbishment. The wall close to the Meat Joint should be repainted or rewhitewashed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Ballyleague is favourable and would encourage the travelling public to spend some time in the village. More work needs to be done in a number of areas and we wish you well with this