

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINTOGHER**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	164

Ballintogher, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The committee are to be complimented on their development approach to the village. Some of the projects suggested in your plan are beginning to take place particularly in relation to stone walls and the anti-litter campaign. It is recommended that you maintain and foster relationships with Bord Telecom, ESB and Sligo County Council. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the questionnaire, development plan and map. They were most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall appearance of the streetscape in Ballintogher is very pleasant. Most houses are nicely painted and well presented. The removal of Telecom and ESB wires underground would enhance the Village considerably. As last year, Higgins, the Post Office, Moran's and McGuinness were well presented. The Catholic Church and the Community Hall are also worthy of comment. Treston's also looked well. The Grotto in the village centre is well cared for and was extremely well presented on adjudication day.

LANDSCAPING

The display of flower boxes, hanging baskets, and flower tubs throughout the village, and the treeplanting, particularly in the village centre, is a credit to all concerned. The green area at the Riverstown Road was nicely presented. The abandoned car on the right hand side of the Dromahair Road was very visible. The old national school on the Sligo approach has a very untidy forecourt and a lot of abandoned blue pallets. Some building materials are dumped in the field beside the Church car park.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The provision of a nature trail in the grounds of the Church and school is a good idea. This is a start in terms of providing information on nature itself. As stated in last year's report you should try to incorporate wildlife into your schemes for the future.

LITTER CONTROL

Ballintogher was virtually free of litter on adjudication day. Your litter awareness competition is already having an effect, and the provision of extra litter bins must also be a contributing factor. Basically this is a great community effort for the residents of Ballintogher - well done.

TIDINESS

Overall, the village had an excellent appearance of tidiness. However, the view as you approach the village from Sligo is

mixed. Corrugated roofs, if not painted, can be unsightly. The fencing on the Collooney approach mars the excellent stone walls. The presentation of boundary walls has improved. The new paving in the centre of the village should be extended wherever possible.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general the majority of houses on the approach roads and in Ballintogher itself are presented to an extremely high standard. Nice gardens and flower displays abound.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads in general were well maintained. The approach from Collooney is spoilt by the pallet graveyard situated on the left hand side of the road. The Riverstown approach has some poor fencing, and in the vicinity of the sports field there are two sheds which need attention. The pump on this road is extremely well presented. The stone walls on most approaches are excellent. The Failte Signs with their small flower beds are lovely.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A fine effort again by Ballintogher this year. Your plan is achievable, and the residents of Ballintogher are supporting their Tidy Towns Committee whole heartily. Have the ESB and telephone wires put underground. Well done!