

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLOOBY**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	23	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	159	154

Ballylooby, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning the completed entry form and questionnaire together with the most helpful map of the centre which we found of value during the adjudication. The Competition with its enhanced emphasis on preparation of a 3/5 year programme and development of wildlife habitat is very suited to Ballylooby with the great resource of the mid-centre River. Try to develop a programme of work which should help to secure the support even if not the involvement of a greater number of the population.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school was very well presented with a fine display of shrubs. The fencing enclosing the flower beds should, with advantage, be repainted. The mural in the shelter was very good. The area around the Church was a little cluttered. Keatings Bar was looking excellent. Individual businesses and houses also contributed to an overall pleasing aspect.

LANDSCAPING

Very fine planting at the junction of Burncourt/Clogheen road. The sports grounds beside the School were well presented. For best effect please secure more full planting in the flower tubs at the Church. The monument to Ted Tobin was very well presented but the broken lamp should be either replaced or removed entirely. Pride of place goes to the wonderful Grotto which was a pure delight. The choice of flowers were appropriate, they were colourful and overall it was presented in a splendid manner. Compliments to those involved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River area is a fine resort in a wildlife context. Discuss the options here with a local wildlife enthusiast or contact the Irish Wildlife Conservancy for advice. The extensive grassed and shrubbed areas on the approach are equally worthwhile. Planting berry producing shrubs, together with provision of feeding tables would make these areas very desirable habitats for birds.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management, in general, was good throughout the village. There was some small amounts of litter in the River which was disappointing. Litter was also noted, in profusion, in the School shelter. The sizeable litter bin at the Church entrance was overflowing on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

Elements within the centre are very well presented. The small blue pump looked well but could be better displayed if the hedge to the front was cut back a little more. Spoil at sides of roads distracted somewhat. The informal B&B sign beside the

monument is not appropriate. The post box was very pleasantly presented. The sign on the canopy at Slattery's Service Station requires to be replaced.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual houses within the centre are very well presented many featuring excellent private gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach from Cahir is a delight featuring extensive and very well presented grassed area with appropriate rose and other planting. This is a major undertaking and looked very well. The village nameplate on the Burncourt road is slightly obscured. Grass verges should be cut from this point inwards to emphasise the division between the centre itself and the surrounding, rural area. The streets within the centre had an amount of gravel and other spoil which gave a somewhat untidy air. A policy of sweeping from time to time would greatly improve matters.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballylooby is an attractive village with a good range of quality buildings and other resources especially the River area. The development of a 3/5 year programme would help to focus the Committees activity and perhaps galvanise a greater proportion of the Community to get involved. All are complimented on another fine entry !