

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	20
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	26	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	31	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	8	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	160

Ballypatrick, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, map and five year programme which sets out your ambitious targets for the next number of years. Compliments are extended to all involved in the manner in which the town was presented on the day of adjudication. You have made an excellent start and the village was a credit with substantial progress being noted in many categories since last year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As in many villages with limited buildings greater emphasis is, of necessity, placed on boundary walls and similar structures. The stone walls at the centre of the village were a delight as was the extensive, random rubble wall on the approach from Killcash. The large house at the centre of the village was exceedingly well presented. The treatment of the former Forge was also most suitable. In like manner the works done on the adjoining building which appeared now to be abandoned ameliorated any adverse effect that might be expected. The current creamery had a number of items in the forecourt which detracted somewhat as did the very large gates in need of repainting.

LANDSCAPING

The treatment of the entrance area to the imposing sports centre was very well completed however the timber fencing is in need of refurbishment or removal. The treatment in the centre of the village inclusive of the seat, planting and the wall itself was excellent. In a natural setting like Ballypatrick it is preferable, where possible, to engage in natural ground planting rather than the use of flower containers which, although pleasant, may be seen as slightly at odds in a semi-rural setting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The encouragement of wildlife and appropriate habitats is now seen as an important aspect of Tidy Towns Committees work. Please keep this aspect to the fore when deciding on planting and, where possible for example use berry bearing plants to encourage birdlife. It may prove helpful to discuss this aspect with local wildlife experts.

LITTER CONTROL

We applaud unreservedly the standard of litter management that was evident on the day of adjudication and this is reflected in a substantially enhanced mark. Please maintain this superb standard which makes you the envy of very many Tidy Towns centres. We welcome the well sited and well maintained litter bins, very much evident throughout the village.

TIDINESS

The comments on litter above apply in almost equal measure to

the general sense of tidiness which was very obvious on the day of adjudication. There was a delightful absence of weeds at the base of walls and between pavements and the road proper. The broken sign on the public house needs to be replaced.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses with one exception were very well presented and reflect the owners care and concern and civic pride. There was a delightful absence of weeds and many reflected very fine individual efforts in their colourful and well presented gardens. The fine communal planting opposite the houses on the Clonmel road was a note worthy feature.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Compliments on the entrance name plates on each of the approach roads. Especially praiseworthy is the signing on the entrance from the main road. The use of wild roses on the Slievenamon road was particularly inspired as they reflected the appropriate rural environment while providing splendid colour to the scene. The name plate on this roadway was very slightly obscured by the intruding hedgerow. Signage generally was well painted and presented while the signs at the centre of the village were in themselves a colourful feature. Incidental items , the phone box, seat and litter bins were all very well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballypatrick looked splendid on the day of adjudication, it was litter free, neat and tidy yet it retained a natural charm appropriate to a small village in a very scenic setting without any suggestion of an excess of fussiness or inappropriate artificial embellishment. Compliments are extended to the entire community and the hard working Committee.