

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYDUFF LOWER**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	160	161

Ballyduff Lower, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form which unfortunately did not include details of an overall developmental approach, so it was difficult for the adjudicator to assess what the future plans are and how they are going to be implemented. The Tidy Towns Competition has adjusted its emphasis to a point where it is positively encouraging centres to give thought and energy to the development of a two to three year or long term programme for the better presentation of the centre. In this way the efforts of the Tidy Town Groups, which are to be applauded, will make a more meaningful and long term contribution to the better presentation and evaluation of each centre. Committees are further urged to examine the opportunities for the better preservation of natural and wildlife habitats. It is hoped that next year a developmental approach will form part of the application form .

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The entrance from the main road into Ballyduff is very well handled, the verge is cut and pleasant. There is neither a village name sign or a 30mph sign at either approach. The Local Authority should be contacted to arrange for these to be put in place. The Church, the main building in the village, is very fine and its grounds are very pleasant but weeds growing on top of the boundary wall and at its base, could be removed with advantage. The school opposite, looks well but some work is still needed on the boundary wall. The old school is being tidied up and beginning to look well.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the village is extremely pleasant, most of it belonging to individual houses. The large car park in front of the school could accept planting with advantage. This could be incorporated with an island in the middle of the junction which is quite formless at the moment. This could be discussed with Waterford County Council.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With its extensive open areas Ballyduff, Kilmeaden, is well placed to take advantage on the emphasis on wildlife and natural amenities.

LITTER CONTROL

Everywhere is extremely well kept and hardly any litter was visible.

TIDINESS

The old school is in process of being painted. Much paint has fallen on the ground. This should be cleaned up because it gives a very untidy appearance, as do the weeds growing at the base of the walls.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are most pleasant with well kept houses and gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance roads are very well presented but as stated above lack village name signs and 30mph signs. The very large parking area in front of the school should be given some marked parking bays and planting could be incorporated with advantage. This could be incorporated with an island in the middle of the junction that is quite formless at the moment. Road markings should also be considered at this junction.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Ballyduff is of a very pleasant community. There appears to be no commercial activity. It is based around a centre of church and school.