

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	21	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	177	175

Ballyduff Upper, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for a comprehensively completed application form and the most useful village map which accompanied it. The Committee are to be congratulated on their programme for their efforts in collecting funds and for their success in liaising with Ballyduff Community Council and Waterford County Council. It is to be hoped that the proposed plan being prepared by Waterford County Council will materialise soon. The Hall, which is being painted, will look very well when finished. Road signage, road marking etc. should be completed soon

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The proposed works on the refurbishing of many of the individually significant buildings is to be commended. The Hall is beginning to make an impact and when the painting is completed it will add considerable to the centre of the village. The splendidly sited Garda Station is quite a feature and because of its great interest, the grounds around it should be enhanced in some way to make them more appealing. The School is well presented but some oak trees or similar would greatly add to its impact. It is a great shame that the storage compound of the Co-Op creates such a bad visual impression in this important part of the village. Some effort should be given to ensuring that it be screened and tidied up.

LANDSCAPING

The flowers in tubs are very pleasant but there is ample scope for the planting of trees, that of themselves, would very much enhance the village. Consideration should be given to the variety of trees planted, so that they will reflect those growing in the surrounding countryside and hedgerows. Gardenesque type trees should be avoided, particularly those with coloured or variegated leaves. Oak trees or some similar type trees should be planted in both the Church grounds and the School grounds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Ballyduff itself is rural with green fields up to the backdoors, so respect for the environment is part and parcel of everyday life. The Fur and Feather Reserve around the village additionally assures this.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication there was a high level of litter control.

TIDINESS

As stated above the Co-Op storage compound should be tidied up and screened as it is most unsightly. The ground opposite the Co-Op., a small transport centre, farmyard and storage, should complete the painting of the shed that adjoins the road. It is on the axis of the approach road from Tallow and really should be improved visually. A particular difficulty was noted in a few

locations where the road coverage does not extend to join the sidewall, leaving a sizeable gap which looks very untidy. This problem might be discussed with the Local Authority to see, where possible, what improvements could be put in place over a period of time.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses and residential areas are all very attractive and all are to be commended on the good presentation and on the well tended gardens. Those on the Lismore Road are particularly fine as is the very nicely painted terrace of houses on the Fermoy Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are charming, stone walls overhung with trees. The town sign for Ballyduff is well presented. There are very fine views across the landscape from this point. It is suggested that this would be a very nice place to put a small look out point. A particular difficulty was noted in a few locations where the road coverage does not extend to join the sidewall, leaving an untidy gap. This could be discussed with the Local Authority as mentioned above.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Great credit is due to this community for the effort that has been made to date. With its extensive open areas and nearby river Ballyduff is well placed to take advantage of the emphasis on wildlife and natural amenities.