

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYCULLANE**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	193	181

Ballycullane, Co. Wexford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The report was very helpful in describing the efforts of the community. There were a a lot of photographs illustrating both the pleasure and integrated efforts which go into the up-keep of the amenity spaces of the town. The report needs to show the phasing and possibly the physical extent of some of the works on plans.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Committee have provided a very special image for this town which is heightened by the very neat and very well tended front gardens which play a significant role. The commercial buildings are clean, well presented and all have a consistent finish which is balanced with the treatment of the external spaces.

LANDSCAPING

There are very pleasant plantings throughout the whole town which all combine to provide a cohesive enhancement. The quality of plantings demonstrates the clear ability of the Committee to achieve the goals they wish to attain as stated in the report. The colourful flower arrangements are well placed throughout the town and are used sparingly with great visual impact.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is not much evidence of the town being connected into a wildlife corridor or information highlighting a visitor to any special wildlife potential. The Committee must address this point through the report and provide a solution to this issue. However it must be stressed that the clear use of native plants is an obvious encouragement for any wildlife and further development of this practice will ensure a very strong connection between the town and surrounding countryside.

LITTER CONTROL

The town was very clean and no litter was evident in any of the spaces throughout the whole town. The presentation of the litter bins was very effective as they were easily seen but not visually obtrusive. Their pleasant character matched the rural character of the town, while the placement of the re-cycling bins ensured that they are easily accessed and not visually prominent within the town.

TIDINESS

The Management Plan for litter control within the town has obviously contributed to a very tidy image. The Committee must be complimented on the well maintained litter bins and general appearance of all urban spaces associated with the main street. Of concern would be the loose gravel which is occasionally located around kerbs and changes between the main carriageway and wider parking area. This in part detracts from the overall image.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A very balanced image has been established between the older housing areas and the newer housing units. This is achieved primarily through open space enhancement. Some of the gardens have exceptional planting displays which greatly aid in extending the visual amenity of the open spaces.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Entry to the town is very well handled through the established maintenance programme for trimming hedges and grass verges. Some loose gravel detracts from the overall tidiness but this is only a small issue in respect to the overall appearance of the roads within the town.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee must be congratulated on making Ballycullane a very special place to arrive at which is evident through the great care and pride taken in the urban space. This demonstrates a very good community participation in all projects undertaken.