

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYVAUGHAN**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	41
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>201</b>

## **Ballyvaughan, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning completed entry form and also for copy of C.A.A.S. Report, which now provides you with an excellent opportunity to make significant progress. The illustrated drawings for improvements highlight how the village can be improved. You need to broaden your committee and tackle the suggestions in the plan over a phased period. Ideally, you should set up a group with representation from all interests and liaise closely with statutory bodies and put a time limit on your agreed developments.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of the public and commercial buildings look well again this year. The school is drab and the access road to the school is poorly presented. The church and environs look well again this year. Hylands Hotel is really excellent with some brightly presented flower boxes. Monks pub is quite colourful and well kept. The new Spar shop is well designed and well presented. Shop fronts in Main Street are well kept with attractive traditional signage for the most part. There is little progress on tackling the unoccupied house mentioned last year, but this problem is probably beyond the scope of your committee. The Tea Rooms are excellent.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a welcome display of flowers on almost all approaches and in many parts of the village. However, grass cutting in general was poor, and not regular enough. The grass at the Beehives in particular is quite long. Some flower beds developed in previous years are not being kept to required standard. The rich flower display on the Coast Road is most attractive. There is a problem in many parts of the village and on some approach roads with excessive weed growth. The gutters should be sprayed in May. The bridge at the new thatched cottage should be highlighted and cleaned up. The lovely display of sweet pea at the small fountain is commendable.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As mentioned last year you have plenty of opportunity for making progress and earning valuable marks under this section. The display board you mention near the fountain does not seem to be erected yet. You have a great opportunity to promote wildlife and the popularity of same on the Walking Trail.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You have scored well again this year for litter control, which was very good. The Main Street and village core was free of litter and litter bins are adequate in number and well spaced. Litter control is good in other areas also and well managed with plenty of wheelie bins - well done.

## **TIDINESS**

You still have problems with unoccupied houses, derelict premises and houses needing painting. Also, the many poorly presented small open spaces project an image of untidiness. The area around the Tourist Information Office has improved and the efforts to landscape are praiseworthy. New buildings are well presented and in good taste. It is good to witness new well thatched houses being built.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

St. Josephs is still a problem area and the suggestions for improvement in the C.A.A.S. report should be pursued. Houses in and around the village are very well presented and blend in well with the environment. There is no improvement on the approach road to Ballyvaughan Holiday Cottages. The Rent an Irish Cottages off the Coast Road need more colour. O'Loughlains is now in need of fresh painting.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The road surface is good, but many margins are in need of improvement. There seems to be no progress with the discipline of traffic - even parking on one side would be an improvement. The plethora of signs on the approach from Corofin and the large number of signs at the T Junction is novel, but not very efficient.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballyvaughan is really attractive and the village core is deserving of full protection and first class presentation. Approach roads are not great and you have a problem with many boundary walls. Give the C.A.A.S. report the attention it deserves and broaden your committee and representation in tackling the many problems outlined. Good luck for the future.