

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	43
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	204

Ballyvaughan, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The returned entry form outlining work done and work planned proved very helpful. The C.A.A.S. report is now your bible and should be tackled on a phased basis over the coming years. You have made progress since last year and some of the former "chestnuts" are now being tackled. You need to maintain a close liaison with the local authority and other relevant agencies in order to progress in a comprehensive way.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings in the village looked well again this year. Hylands Hotel is excellent and further embellished with attractive window boxes. The church and environs looked well again this year. Quins, Claire's Restaurant, O'Briens were very well presented. At last you have made a start on the fountain, which is now an attractive focal point within the village. Well done on cleaning the gable - end of the adjacent house also. Some development work is progressing and will further enhance when complete. The school needs to be brightened up and new gates fitted. The Rent-an-Irish Cottage Scheme is well presented, many with new thatching. The other self -catering units in and outside the village look well also. However, the road up to the "Rent an Irish Cottage" scheme and to the Holiday Cottages was quite overgrown.

LANDSCAPING

In general, the village was very colourful, with a great mix of planted flowers and wild displays. The sea front garden is good, and the beehives display has improved. Some landscaping is in evidence at St. Joseph's Road and this should be extended for next year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential for high scoring in this category. Any progress on a display board yet? Perhaps the school might embark on a project that would list the wild life of the area.

LITTER CONTROL

You have maintained your standards in this section and the village core was litter free. Concentrate on the village centre and declare it a litter free zone.

TIDINESS

Most of the untidiness relates to derelict and unoccupied houses in and around the village. Some of the approach roads are quite overgrown and should be kept neater. Farm gates should be painted, especially near the village proper. The area in and around the Shannon Development Workspace has improved, with good surface dressing and an improved entrance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St. Joseph's has improved - but only a little, due principally to a good deal of individual effort. The grass area is very overgrown and the top of the estate is being used for tractor parking. There are many single homes with well landscaped gardens that add greatly to the colour of the village. This is commendable and should be further encouraged.

ROAD, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road structure is good. The surface area outside the church should be dressed. Signage is a mess, with too many finger signs on single poles. Signage and advertising should be separate.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village was particularly colourful on adjudication day, with a great blend of flowers, shrubs, hedgerows and trees. Do stick with the C.A.A.S. report and stage your development. Good luck for 1999.