

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYOUSKILL**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-98

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1998 | Mark Awarded 1997 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 28                | 26                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 22                | 22                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 25                | 23                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 17                | 16                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 34                | 33                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 15                | 14                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 21                | 20                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 25                | 25                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 7                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>194</b>        | <b>185</b>        |

## **Ballyou skill, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was gratifying to read of the excellent support which you are receiving from your local community, from Kilkenny County Council and from Kilkenny Corporation. The secret of success in the Tidy Towns competition is local community involvement with assistance from the statutory bodies where needed and possible. Thank you for sending the photographs, information and map which were most useful on adjudication day. Adjudication took place from the Alfa Laval Agri building to the Ballyou skill village sign on the Ballyragget side of the village. If this is too big an area for you to encompass please let us know for next year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The only major building in Ballyou skill is the church which together with its cemetery looked excellent and were very well presented on adjudication day. The Wheel Inn also looked extremely well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

What you have achieved in 12 months is remarkable. Congratulations to all concerned. All your planting projects were seen including the Grotto which was very tastefully done. The flower beds directly across the road from the church were very well presented as indeed were all your planted open spaces. It is a great achievement to have the use of the Kilkenny Corporation town gardener who hopefully will be available to you in the future.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments in this respect have been noted and this is a very good beginning. Any improvement on this next year will gain additional marks.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was almost no litter to be seen in Ballyou skill on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an aspect of the competition which needs constant monitoring as litter sometimes is not of local making.

### **TIDINESS**

Local pride was to be seen in the village on adjudication day if one is to judge by the neat and tidy manner it was presented.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private residences were very well presented and in many care

their gardens and surroundings were a blaze of colour. In a village the size of Ballyouskill the individual effort is very important in the competition. Congratulations to all concerned.

### **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

Roads surfaces are generally very good. It has been indicated to you earlier in the report where the adjudication commenced and finished. Within that area do try to keep hedges and grass verges neat and trim, making allowances for, as you have already done this year, the growing of wild flowers.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballyouskill is a delightful village. In 12 months time your planting will really come into its own and the adjudicators look forward to returning next year to see the result of your further efforts.