

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAMEEN**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	--
The Built Environment	40	17	--
Landscaping	40	16	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	17	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Ballinameen, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition and congratulations on your plans and proposals for 1998/99. Hopefully you will be able to avail of the FAS scheme. It is good too to know that the Co. Council will be working with you. For next year it would be advisable to furnish a new map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The road to the church has a good stone wall but there is a lot of builders rubble there and signs of work taking place - it is hoped that this will improve the area. It is good to see that the derelict cottage is for sale, hopefully the new owner will make a difference to it. No evidence of footpaths being repaired. There is a big improvement in the shop fronts and Cunningham's Pub looks good. The proposal to restore the old church would do a lot for the street. Hopefully you may have this completed for next year. The Post Office and attached garden are most attractive - the owner should be congratulated for the work done.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Ditches on approach roads need constant attention and the addition of stone flower beds will also need monitoring. Don't forget to add some colour to these. The new GAA pitch is well on the way to completion and this should be a big asset to the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The plan to feature the Pope's Well seems a good one but you would want to make provision for car parking nearby. It is possible the work going on at the site by the Granary is taking account of this and, if so, the site would seem to be very suitable. The restored stone bridge and walls near the river look good as are the stone seats in the adjacent park but it was not possible to access this as work was going on there and it was closed off to the public. The nearby forge could be a nice feature if you were able to reconstitute it.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally good and it will be nice when your new litter bins are in evidence as the present ones are quite battered. Your plan to promote litter awareness in the local school is a good one.

### **TIDINESS**

Tidying up work was taking place at graveyard during visit and it was nice to see this in progress. The hay shed on church road still needs

attention and weeds and verges overall need attention.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Generally good and flower beds and baskets, where provided, look good.

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

Tidying up needed in some areas and weeds should be watched both on access roads, sides of buildings and base of walls. The co-operation of householders and your plans to involve the students should make a great difference in this area.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Very nice village and has great potential - keep up the good work.