

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINLOUGH**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	16
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	23	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	13	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	15
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	135	130

Ballinlough, County Roscomon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the entry form and letter. A lot of work has been done by way of improved street lighting and artefacts and the lack of overhead wires is noticeable - well done ! You should now try to get the County Council to implement some traffic calming as the container trucks rushing through the village must be upsetting. Try to set up a co-ordinated plan with the County Council and FAS covering the next 3/5 years and submit it with next year's entry.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballinlough is potentially a lovely village when one can identify it - why no village signs ? There is a good wide approach road from Castlerea to a good focal point at the church and pub on top of the hill. However, there are a lot of problems by way of derelict sites. The first sight of the village on the Castlerea road is good as the church and surrounds look well as do the houses at this end of the village. However after the nice new shrub planting up to Campbells there are a lot of derelict houses, a factory, an old cinema and the pavements are bad. Some premises are trying such as Donnellan's, Connolly's, Campbells, Fitzmaurices (but a lot of stickers in window here), Murphy's Pub, Mace, Church View B/B, but window boxes would improve this premises. There are, unfortunately, a lot of plastic signs in evidence e.g. AO Foodstore, Palm Springs, The White House etc.

LANDSCAPING

The real focal point in the village has been well utilised. The stone walls are almost completed at the old Church of Ireland and the new flower/tree planting there looks very good. It is nice to see renovation work taking place at the church. The Tap pub is to be commended for the efforts it has made to enhance this area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The tourism map looks good but you should try to source wildlife attractions in the immediate area. Mileage should be shown to the lake at Lough Glynn. A FAS scheme was taking place at the community centre and the lake so it was not possible to assess this properly. This will no doubt improve the facility and you should let us know the progress in next year's entry.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally good but the litter bins could be replaced as they are quite battered.

TIDINESS

Major road works on the Lough Glynn road and FAS scheme at the community centre with resultant rubble. The Glynn monument on the main street has a road works barrel inside the railing and it and the black plastic sack should be removed. The seat behind the monument should either be repaired or removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Mixed - a lot of derelict sites on all roads. Despite this householders do appear to be making an effort and should be congratulated. There is a particularly attractive rose clustered cottage on the Ballymore Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Cut back verges, weed and cut back inside walls to wall height.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A good effort taking place but a lot still to be done, especially with the vacant sites and plastic signs. Keep up the good work though.

