

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER-ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	207	200

Ballintubber, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The stone walls around the village are very impressive and it was good to see that you are continuing the project under a FAS scheme. Work was in progress during visit on the Castlebar Road. It is good that the Local Development Association is working with the Local Authority and FAS. You should prepare a work programme for the next 3/5 years and submit it with next year's entry.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone welcome signs to the village are good as is the use of stone walls at the entrance to the graveyard and at the rear of Smoky Joe's. The green on the Castlereagh Road is well maintained but the abandoned horse box should be removed. You should endeavour to have the street lights improved and the wires ducted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The ruin of Ballintubber Castle could be a fine feature for the village. Part of the access meadow was cut back to provide a pathway to the ruin but this has not been completed and was not accessible to this Adjudicator on a very rainy day. An unreadable sign at ground level at the entrance gate was the only information on the castle. You seem to have made unsuccessful efforts to get assistance on improving this monument but you might contact the Office of Public Works who might be able to help. You might also be able to get help from a local historian who could provide some background on the Castle which could be put on a proper information panel at the castle entrance. It is good to know that you now have the use of the callow land at the rear of the Tyre Centre premises. You would need to establish a proper entrance to this for the public and provide some information on it. You might consult with wildlife experts who could help you develop the potential of this. Hopefully you will be able to continue using it. The use of the old school as a museum/craft shop/coffee shop is a good idea even though it was closed during the adjudication visit. Keep an eye on the window boxes there.

LANDSCAPING

The village green is very attractive as is the grotto and the seating and village pump are nice features. Good maturing tree planting.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally very good. The church is well maintained but there is a small amount of litter in the grounds and tree debris should be removed. Some weeding/replanting needed in flower trough by church. Good litter boxes.

TIDINESS

Kenny's Shop looks well but there are a lot of stickers in the window. The old farm buildings on the Roscommon Road are unsightly and the school sign and Esso sign and pumps at Doyle's could be improved. The building opposite is not good but it was obvious that efforts were being made to paint it.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally well maintained but keep an eye on the derelict buildings

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Good and much improved by new wall building - well done !

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballintubber has a lot of potential and it is obvious that there is a good community spirit there. Keep up the good work !