

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFORAN**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	19	18
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>164</b>

## **Ballyforan, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your sketch map which was useful but you do need a proper development plan and should work towards having this prepared in time for next year's entry. There are no village signs on any approach roads and the village lacks a focal point. The village green could be ideal for this, surrounded as it is by old natural stone walls, if you could get the current owner involved. The green could have a central feature, such as a fountain/sculpture, flowers and seating which could benefit all the residents. The lighting could be improved and unsightly wires ducted and poles replaced. Traffic calming would also be of benefit.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church is well maintained with nice pathways and flower displays. The stone walls all around the village look very well and it was nice to see restoration work happening on the Mount Bellew Road. The grass in front of the walls there needs to be cut back but no doubt this is planned as part of the redevelopment. There are some derelict sites including the small derelict building near the sports ground which need attention but also evidence of some rebuilding which is good. The road surfaces are bad and the surface in front of Pairc Naomh Aodain particularly so - the buildings there still need to be freshened up. The grotto looks good but the plastic signs are still on Kenny's and the Garda Barracks and Health Centre have not been improved. The Esso Station still looks well and the Hook and Tackle is being refurbished which was good to see but the Village Inn B/B sign has not been removed or refurbished.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The tree planting is maturing nicely and the addition of new flower beds is welcome.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There was no evidence of a wildlife survey - only noted attraction is sign to River Suck.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Good but some bill posting on pole near school. Only saw one litter box and this was full and battered.

### **TIDINESS**

Verges need cutting and weeds at base of walls to be watched. Heather Hill Flower Shop looks very good but their standing advertising signs on the roadside could be improved.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Generally improved - most houses seem to be making an effort.

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

Verges on side roads need attention and the provision of wildflowers on side roads would be attractive.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village needs a focal point and identity signs, especially since its centre is off the main road. A lot of work still remains to be done - good luck with this.