

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLEAGUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	156	151

Ballyleague, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire. Your 3/5 year plan, photographs and map were not to hand at time of adjudication but it is good to know that you have your forward planning in hand and the prospect of funding. Good luck with raising the balance. Without a proper map it was difficult to ascertain where Ballyleague began and ended as there seems to be an overlap with Lanesboro. It is important that you highlight the village boundaries.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church looks good but the railings have still not been painted and the area in front of it and the Community Hall needs to be resurfaced and the door of the Community Hall could be improved. The street lights are fair but the wires could be ducted and the poles improved. Traffic calming would also do a lot for the village and from a safety point of view there should be stop signs at the exits from the harbour and the waterside. The school looks very well and the landscaping is excellent, however the adjacent prefab building could be better. The Credit Union building too is very well presented but the vacant site next door could be improved by cutting back the grass to the wall height. The same applies to the site opposite the Community Hall. Shannonside B&B is very attractive and, while the derelict building next to it on the corner of the river has been improved somewhat you should keep trying to improve it more. Some plastic signs still in evidence e.g. Shannon Bar, Unisex Hair Salon and Pepsi sign on Lifeboat Bar.

LANDSCAPING

Riversides good and adjacent houses making an effort. Tree planting looks well and the area by Martin's Bar with it's view over the river from the car park is attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No evidence of any survey having been done. Even basic signage to amenity area by river would be a help. The river banks and moorings are well maintained.

LITTER CONTROL

Good but watch for some billposting on poles at riverside. Only saw two battered litter bins by the church. You need some more around the village and riverside.

TIDINESS

Some derelict sites on the Roscommon Road after the Statoi Station. Pairc Naomh Faithleach building has been newly painted

but there is weed growth still in evidence at the entrance and the road surface there is bad.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally good but while some boundary walls are now painted some still need to be done. Loughrea Housing estate looks good with nice landscaped areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Houses generally well maintained but some verges need cutting back. Sliabh B N Hotel could be improved as this is a focal point for village coming from Strokestown.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Village needs an identity. It is in a good natural setting and more could be made of this.

