

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYMACARBRY**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	22
The Built Environment	40	34	32
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	19
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Ballymacarbry, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form for this years Tidy Towns competition. Apart from the information contained in section A, the other sections were not filled in, possibly it was an oversight. All Tidy Towns committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their Tidy Towns activities. A plan should be a simple three to five page document. Your objectives for each year should be set out clearly. Do not adopt unrealistic targets. Your Committee should liaise with the Local Authorities, FAS, the Regional Tourism Authority, the ESB, Telecom Eireann and the National Rehabilitation Board who will all have valuable advice to give you in preparing the plan. Look on it as a guide for your Committee and as something which can be built on over the coming years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Almost all buildings in Ballymacarbry were very well presented. Doocey's Filling Station had some lovely displays of flowers and shrubs. The Post Office and the Garda Station were well presented. Both pubs were well presented with Melody's looking particularly outstanding. Any plastic signage should be removed and no doubt that will be done over the next few years. The Waterford Foods building needed to be painted and this adjudicator would suggest that some type of screening be erected where the fertiliser is stacked and stored. Perhaps trees could be used as screening. The Grotto was beautifully presented with some new planting done on one side. The lamps do need repair and perhaps that could be tackled before next year. St. Patrick's Hall needs painting and that includes the walls, the windows and repairs to broken glass.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Some lovely landscaping was observed throughout the village. A delightful effect has been created at the Grotto with planting blended in beautifully with the natural vegetation surrounding, and in the grounds of the Grotto. Do cut the odd stray briar and grass coming through the plants. The shrub bed to the right towards the village was in the process of being cleaned. The landscaping in the car park opposite Melody's was very well cared for and blended in again with the natural environment behind it. A lovely selection of shrubs and plants were used. The picnic areas were a sheer delight and most pleasantly situated overlooking the river. The other smaller one was also kept beautifully. Lovely planting was done on top of the wall at the picnic site and across from St. Patrick's Hall. Well done to all concerned !

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You are extremely lucky to have the river in Ballymacarbry where there should be an abundance of wildlife habitats. The river at the car park has some lovely vegetation with a whole variety of plants and trees. Perhaps it might be an idea to identify the plant life there. No doubt it also has some fish, birds and animals. If you need help in identifying the local wildlife habitats why not get somebody locally who has an expertise in this area to get involved and to provide you with advice. You as a Tidy Towns Committee have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your Community which will add greatly to the area you are presenting. The area of the river across from St. Patrick's Hall again would have the same potential as the car park end of the river.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The control of litter overall in the village is extremely good. At the river area, across from St. Patrick's Hall, at both entrances on the steps, there was some litter to be observed. Among the pieces observed were some plastic wrappings. Your litter bins are in excellent condition and the litter was not overflowing from any bin.

## **TIDINESS**

All areas of the village have a tidy look about them. Everything is well cared for. The control of weeds at the kerbs and at the base of buildings is very well controlled.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Overall, residential areas are maintained in very good condition throughout. The residents of St. Martin's Place are to be congratulated on presenting their properties so well. There is a delightful display of flowers in their gardens. The centre triangle at the entrance had a delightful collection of shrubs and all were kept very well. Some boundary walls would need attention. The seats in this area were freshly painted. Other houses throughout the village were well presented but a few needed to complete their walls, fences, etc.

## **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

The bridge at the entrance to the village from the Clonmel side was in first class condition and the black and amber markings were newly painted. The car park was in excellent condition but this adjudicator would suggest that you talk to the County Council about resurfacing it. All the approach roads were maintained in excellent condition and were neat and tidy without interfering with the natural vegetation. Most of the signs were maintained in good condition but a few do need replacing or repainting. The seats in the car park were well maintained and again were freshly painted.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

It would be very much appreciated if the form could be completed for next year's Tidy Towns Competition. We had no information on the activities undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee and the level of assistance and co-operation from the public bodies. Ballymacarbry is a pleasant, tranquil village and it has a great future in this Competition. A great effort has been put in and no doubt the hard work will pay off in the years ahead. Well done to all concerned !