

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYVAUGHAN**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	43
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>208</b>

## **Ballyvaughan, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Ballyvaughan is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry and a copy of your Tidy Towns report prepared by CAAS. There are numerous excellent recommendations made in the report and we wish you well in implementing these over the coming years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The "O'Lochain" property is beautifully presented. The school and churches were excellent in their presentation as was "Highlands Hotel". The "Spar", the "Village Stores", the Post Office, the new Tea Rooms in the old Coast Guard Station and many other buildings were beautifully presented. "Greenes" shopfront is most distinctive and in the opinion of this adjudicator, is a very attractive and interesting shopfront. Both "Quinns" and the Craft Shop and recently refurbished adjacent shop all look exceptionally well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaped roadside area on the Galway road is thoroughly distinctive and very beautiful. The area surrounding the fountain in the village centre looks very well. The majority of flower containers were too sparsely planted to create a strong visual impact. Consider using shrubs and trees rather than bedding plants.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The site earmarked for development as a wildlife habitat has been noted and we look forward to developments in this area. Don't forget to make use of the wildlife section and advice in the Tidy Towns Handbook and do send in details of your activities under this heading for each year of the competition.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good along the beach, the harbour, and along the streets of the village. Well done! Seats are plentiful along the seafront wall. The appointment of a litter control person for the summer is paying dividends. What other litter management activities are employed?

### **TIDINESS**

Weed growth along kerbs was quite prevalent in the area around the small residential development and the Enterprise development. The main problems under this heading are some derelict buildings/sites, old walls and prolific weed

growth in one section of the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A number of properties in the small residential development forming a cul-de-sac are in need of attention to either the main building or boundary wall or both. The large green area in this cul-de-sac was badly overgrown on adjudication day.

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

The grassed area at the nameplate on the Fanore road is quite overgrown. During adjudication the colourful wildflowers made this look quite nice but when these are not present it probably looks quite untidy. The long grass and weeds should be cut from along a stone wall behind the nameplate towards the harbour in order to highlight it. The nameplate on the Galway road needs to be cleaned. The church carpark is tidy in its presentation but could be resurfaced and small outbreaks of weed growth were noted. The wirescape in the centre of the village is visually obtrusive and should be ducted. Have steps been taken in this regard?

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Ballyvaughan is most favourable and it is a pleasure to visit your lovely village (and take tea and cake in the new Tea Rooms). We look forward to many repeat visits.