

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLIFFIN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	--
The Built Environment	40	27	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	172	--

Ballyliffin, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. Your initial placing is comparatively high in the county - congratulations. Your fundraising activities are impressive, and your contacts with the official bodies should prove helpful. It is strongly recommended, since you have got off to such a good start, that you prepare a 3 - or 5 - year Development Plan, identifying and listing your priorities, and assigning completion of chosen works and projects to certain years - giving yourselves a realistic time scale for each project. You may find useful suggestions in the Tidy Towns booklet. When submitting your entry form next year, please be sure to mark on your map all sites where new work has been completed (e.g. new fence, improvement to shopfront, etc.) in the previous twelve months - it is unlikely that we will miss any of them, but one wishes to be certain.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church is very well maintained, and makes an interesting focal point in a village which has few buildings of architectural interest. The Ballyliffin Hotel, extended to a design which is appropriate to its location, and the Strand Hotel, recently painted and improved, enhance the streetscape. The strong colour of the video shop was admired.

LANDSCAPING

The most conspicuous landscaping, on the Carndonagh road, with its stone frontage, well chosen plants, and young trees, gives a very pleasant impression when entering the village from that side. Other planted spaces throughout the village show a unified plan. The excellent stone walls are noted under roads, etc., below.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A nominal mark has been given, pending forthcoming developments mentioned in your entry form - all of which seem imaginative and appropriate. The neighbourhood is very rich in opportunities under this heading. When designating nature trails, please mark them on your map.

LITTER CONTROL

As observed on adjudication day, this has been quite effective - in fact it is well above average.

TIDINESS

The verge and post-and-wire fencing on the right as you approach from Carndonagh, and a short stretch of the same as you approach from Clonmany, give the opposite kind of impression to the excellent walls and landscaping. There was very little kerbside weed, and no flyposting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A high standard throughout. The group of five relatively new terrace houses in pastel shades and the nearby stone house with shutters make a very attractive group. An example of the many excellently painted private dwellings is the salmon-coloured house nearby. Many single homes have gardens which add considerably to the appeal of the village. The thatched cottage is well looked after. The development of what are probably holiday homes on the Pollan road have not been assessed because they are outside the 30 mph limit, but they look promising, with traditional gables and dormers. The large development site opposite the Ballyliffin hotel can not be adequately assessed until completed - at present it has a bare appearance in this sensitive location.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces and paving are good. The stone walls, some of them still under construction, are a tremendously effective feature - this includes cobbling, seating and hard landscaping. The car park at the Strand Hotel should look very well when finished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A village with a vigorous attitude to development and a real comprehension of what is appropriate to the existing landscape and streetscape.