

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFERMOT**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	21	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	15	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Ballyfermot, Co. Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome back to the competition and congratulations on all your hard work, initiatives and successes achieved this year. Improvements can be noted throughout your town, most especially in the areas surrounding the schools and the shopfronts. Certainly, there is still much to be achieved but progress is being made. You may find it beneficial to put a 3-5 plan in place which would give further direction to your work. In other areas these plans have proved to be a good way to involve more members of the community. We would also encourage you to indicate your specific projects on your entry into next year's competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are some very pleasing shopfronts in Ballyfermot. The shopfront awards are certainly achieving results and we noted some remarkable improvements over last time. On the day of adjudication Maloneys Pharmacy, Jackies Florists and Molloy's all looked particularly well in the main shopping area. Ruby Finnegan's was very well maintained with some lovely flowers brightening the façade. Unfortunately the County Bar was still being refurbished on the day of adjudication but looks as if it will be an excellent addition to the streetscape in the coming months. It is unfortunate that more of the factories won't take responsibility for the areas outside their buildings - maybe this could be an idea for next year? A real effort has been made by Cherry Orchard Hospital in planting flowers around the area. The grounds of the various schools in Ballyfermot were well maintained with little litter.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There are some lovely public areas in Ballyfermot such as Le Fanu Park and it is unfortunate that these are not maintained free of litter and graffiti. Some areas, however, have made a special effort such as the Church on Ballyfermot Road which had some lovely new trees planted and the grounds of the schools and the sports grounds (tennis courts). Unfortunately Drumfinn Park was still under development on the day of the adjudication but we look forward to seeing the completed project next year. Your work on the roundabouts on the entrances into Ballyfermot is to be commended and it is unfortunate that they cannot also be kept free of litter and weeds.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The development of gardens in each school is an excellent initiative. The involvement of children in your effort will develop their interest and hopefully reap huge benefits in the years to come. The Grand Canal Project is also an excellent initiative and we look forward to seeing the implementation of the results of the flora and fauna study.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

This is still an area which needs a great deal of attention. Your efforts to include children in your work are very good but more needs to be done. There was a lot of litter thrown about the area and some particular black spots included the area around the ESB pylons on Killeen Road and the dump opposite Killeen House. More litter bins are needed in the village area and strict enforcement of the litter laws are needed. Try to involve the Dublin Corporation Cleansing Department in your efforts in trying to keep Ballyfermot clean and tidy.

## **TIDINESS**

The prevalence of graffiti in your area detracts from your efforts. Graffiti was in evidence on ESB Boxes, at Kylemore Karting, Raheen Park Entrance, the entrance to the Clinic and along Kylemore Drive and Avenue. Graffiti is a difficult problem to combat but other Tidy Town Committees have made significant inroads and it may be worth speaking with them. We also noticed the growth of weeds from kerb edges and along roads, for example, out of the bridge on Killeen Road which gives an untidy impression of your area.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some residential areas have made significant efforts to keep their houses/streets clean and tidy such as Blackditch Road, Whitethorn Estate and along Cleggan Road. In other areas overgrown gardens, litter and graffiti were a significant problem. Replacement of broken and rusty railings would improve the look of many places. Convent Lawns was beautiful on the day of adjudication, as was Rosevale Court - keep up the good work.

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

We commend your efforts in improving the approach roads to Ballyfermot by planting flowers on the roundabouts. Unfortunately, there is still litter in evidence along these roads. The site outside the Liffey Valley Centre was particularly unattractive with burnt out cars and dumping. The entrance to nearby Liffey Valley Centre itself was extremely well maintained and tidy so it is obvious that results are possible when effort is put in. Litter had gathered behind the railings on the Ballyfermot Road. Drumfinn Avenue was well presented on the day of adjudication.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The committee has put a lot of hard work into improving Ballyfermot and the benefits are starting to show in the specific projects you got involved in the last few years. Best of luck with your specified projects for the coming year.