

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYGAR**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	163	--

Ballygar, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your detailed plan which was requested by last year's adjudicator. In relation to the environmental and developmental elements, perhaps you were too ambitious as no work has taken place regarding the Old Forge, Old Church ruins, or on converting the school shelter to changing rooms.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There were some excellent examples which help to give an air of prosperity, but also some very visible derelict sites which detract from the overall effect. The town has a lovely wide main street and excellent square and "diamond" area (apart from the large derelict building). The Post Office has not improved since last year. The Garda Station needs painting. The Old School is well maintained. 'Tom Kennys' has been photographed for the shop-front award.

LANDSCAPING

Attractive display of flowers and nice trees were noted, keep up the good work. Excellent map.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Suck Valley and the adjacent woodlands are a great amenity, there is great potential here.

LITTER CONTROL

Sadly there was a lot of litter on approach roads. When the margins are being cut the litter should be removed in advance. The town centre was almost devoid of litter.

TIDINESS

There were some kerbside weeds to be seen. The area at the side and behind the Old School was untidy, as was the grounds in front of the G.A.A. club. The adjudicator was unable to find the bottle bank.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ballygar has some lovely large and small well maintained houses, but there still are a few "letting the side down". Perhaps you could encourage them to improve.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Despite the work already done there is still room for improvement on approach roads. County Galway is noted for

its fine stone walls and indeed there are some fine examples to be seen.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The first impression of Ballygar is a positive one, but there is room for improvement. Rome wasn't built in a day. Ballygar is improving, but probably more slowly than the committee would wish. Take one project at a time.