

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYDUFF**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	175

Ballyduff, North Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The five year plan which the Committee submitted last year is showing results and it is obvious that the community at large are supporting the effort. The village renewal scheme for 1999/2000 will help maintain the momentum.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall standard of the built environment, in terms of business premises, public and other buildings - the overall standard is very good. The St Peter and St. Paul Parish Church, the grounds and surrounding square, the School, the Garda Station and the Credit Union buildings all are being well maintained. The business premises are equally making the effort - Sheehy's Londis Foodstore, Lowe's Bar and Lounge, the other pubs - Browne's, Purcell's, the Hawthorne, and Your Man's Bar - together with Ross's Mace Store, Marie's Hair Salon and the two Service Stations. Notable too was the B & B on the Ballybunion road.

LANDSCAPING

The planting along the main approach roads will improve these areas when completed. Some of the grassed areas along the main street and the fields opposite the Co-op yard and beside the hall could be better presented. The grounds around the church, already mentioned, are particularly well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As referred to in last years report, some thought should be given to initiate some wildlife project(s).

LITTER CONTROL

The litter problem seems to be under control and this was obvious in the square, in front of the Church and along the main street.

TIDINESS

Apart from some areas along the two main approach roads, the village looked fairly neat and tidy on the day of adjudication

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses on the approach roads and around the village are obviously making an effort and this is improving

the appearance of Ballyduff and creates a positive impression on visitors.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned already, the planting planned for the approach roads will improve the situation, especially in the areas sectioned off beside the stone village sign on the Tralee road (the Marian Shrine is nicely presented) and further out on the road to Ballybunion. The old village signs (black/white) should be cleaner.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts so far are beginning to show results and, with continued support from the community at large for the implementation of the five year plan, Ballyduff will improve further in the not too distant future.