

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYOUSKILL**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	198	194

Ballyousskill, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballyousskill is a delightful village to visit. The very attractively planted roadsides and well cared for hedgerows give a very welcoming approach. The map and photographs were very helpful and it is interesting to see photographs of the village in a different season with the daffodils giving a great display. The parish profile makes very interesting reading. Great credit is due to all concerned for the development work that has taken place and for the efforts that have resulted in getting outside help.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is the predominant building and this is well cared for with very well tended cemetery and outside walls freshly painted. The car park is clean and well presented and your efforts at getting paving are noted. The school and The Wheel Inn are well presented. A little damage to the wall at the Wheel Inn needs repairing and it is interesting to see the halting rings retained in the wall.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping is a great tribute to the committee and the residents of the village. Every available space has been beautifully planted and cared for and it really looks well. The mown grass verges in places, the grotto area and the hedgerows well trimmed but with an awareness of the value of those hedges to encourage wildlife. The help from Kilkenny Corporation is very wise and a good idea.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The treatment and consideration of verges and hedges goes a long way to encourage wild life. Some specific project in the locality perhaps could be developed in conjunction with local knowledge.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very good standard pertaining in this regard and constant vigilance pays off when one sees a really clean village.

TIDINESS

A very tidy appearance is apparent immediately on entering the village. The very tidy treatment of the planted borders, the cemetery and all the surrounding roadside areas is laudable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Every individual householder's efforts are so important in a village of this size and the pride that is evident in the village is reflected in the residences.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is a good standard of roadways.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very lively and welcoming impression is given on visiting this village. The work must engender an improved community spirit and a worthy pride in achievements