

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYAGRAN**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>161</b>

## **Ballyagran, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the completed entry form. Your outline of work on hand and plans for the future proved helpful on adjudication day. The village has some very attractive features and the presence of thatched premises is now quite unique. You have done well in the past by planting trees and appropriate hedgerows and these will further enhance with the passing of time. Continue your close liaison with Limerick County Council and try to keep the community involved with the members of the committee. In the absence of a plan you still need to list a number of achievable aims each year .

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The public buildings looked well again this year i.e. the church, the school which would benefit from some colour and the hall at the village cross. It is unusual now to find so many plastic signs in a small village as they are being replaced by the more traditional type. Some houses are in need of fresh painting and you should encourage this for next year.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have scored well in this section and the landscaping of previous years is bearing fruit. The good balance of a beech hedge and some lime trees at Church View is an excellent example of good planting. When the hedge is strong enough you should remove the concrete posts which are unsightly. The treatment of the G.A.A. boundary wall with creepers is praiseworthy. This small, but very well kept hurling field is a credit to all concerned.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Increased tree, shrub and flower planting will help promote additional wildlife and the absence of a river need not deter your efforts on this section. Any progress on a wildlife garden?

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Well done on an almost litter free village - you seem to be getting the co-operation of the community in this regard.

### **TIDINESS**

The many neat and well trimmed hedges create an image of tidiness and your problems here relate to uncared for

pockets and some dereliction. The farming activity, so necessary for the local economy creates its own untidiness and this is acknowledged as a necessary requirement. However, there are some areas that would be improved with little effort.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREA**

The two housing estates mentioned last year looked well again this year and are maintained to a high standard. Some of the residential premises in the village core are in need of painting. Indeed, you should consider launching a painting blitz campaign for next year. Such a campaign would help add more colour to the village.

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

Apart from some areas, road surfacing is good and had been recently attended to. The pump area is really pleasant and you should try to install some village furniture over the coming years.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSIONS**

The village looked really well to this adjudicators first visit. Keep the emphasis on the traditional features and try to create a greater degree of colour throughout. Good look for the future.