

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAMEEN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 33 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 18 | 17 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 16 | 16 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 18 | 17 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 16 | 15 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 17 | 16 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 151 | 144 |

Ballinameen, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your map. We appreciate that your efforts over the past year have concentrated on completing the refurbishment of the old National School (which is now the Community Centre) and the GAA Park. You are to be congratulated on both of these developments. While the buildings at St Attracta Park look good, the surrounds are still a bit rough but no doubt in time these will be improved. The overall concept seems very good.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is still builder's rubble on Church Road and the immediate visual impact on the road from the village is not good. While some improvement is evident - church and perimeter wall has been painted as has wall across the road - other buildings need attention such as the Health Centre, though the surrounding wall here has been painted. You should also liaise with the ESB and Telecom to see if unsightly wires going across main street could be 'ducted'. This would make a big difference to the overall appearance of the village. McNulty's still have a plastic sign and the old petrol pump on the street should be removed.

LANDSCAPING

The Post Office still looks good and the shrubs in wooden containers around the village look well but, as mentioned in last year's adjudication report, it would be nice to add a little colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The amenity area on the Boyle Road adjacent to the small river is attractive. The stone seats look well and you might consider the provision of a picnic table and litter bin here. The forge is not yet utilised which seems a pity.

LITTER CONTROL

Good day of visit. Well done to the participants in the recent 'clean up'. The yellow bins are good but one or two seem to be suffering from vandalism.

TIDINESS

Generally good. Keep an eye on the hanging baskets to ensure that they are well maintained and make sure weeds

are kept in check.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Several houses newly painted - perhaps the few that are not taking care could be persuaded to improve.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some improvement but more needed such as on Church Road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Improvements noted. Now that the Community Centre and GAA park are completed you will be able to concentrate on the remaining weak points in the village. The FAS students may be able to help you with these.