

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER-ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	211	207

Ballintubber, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your entry form. It is good to know that you are working with the Local Authority, FAS and Regional Tourism and we appreciate that you are going through some difficulties at present because of the Village Renewal Scheme being proposed by Roscommon Co Cl. Well done on deciding to participate anyway.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is good to see the FAS scheme continuing by way of wall building and infilling of potholes. Understandably there is resultant builders rubble but, no doubt, this will be removed in time. The grass near Ballintubber Castle and the stone village sign needs cutting and weeding at the base of pavements and at the gate of the field opposite. There has been some treatment of weeds on the pavement but the residue needs to be removed. The houses on the slip road are well maintained and a derelict cottage there is somewhat disguised by the use of a flowering creeper. The green on the Castlerea Road, the picnic tables and seats look good but the old horse box is still abandoned there. The abundance of stickers on Kenny's Shop mentioned in last year's adjudication report are still there and the shop name is now hard to read. You might try to encourage some improvement in Doyle's and the diesel pumps outside Waldron's could be better. Garvey's which is newly painted looks very well and the adjoining seating area is a nice addition. Smokey Joe's access road is much improved but the door to the P.O could be repainted.

LANDSCAPING

It is appreciated that the same degree of effort may not have gone into container/flower planting this year due to the village improvement works but most of what has been done is good but watch for weeds ! The trees are maturing and the church and grounds are well maintained as is the National School. The village green, seating area and grotto look well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is noted that Ballintubber Abbey is now for sale and it is hoped that the new owner will realise the historical value of this property which could be a wonderful asset for the village. It would be lovely to see it retained and the surroundings improved. You might also be able to develop the callow site near the Tyre Centre for next year.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of litter on the day of the visit. Well done !

TIDINESS

The graveyard looks well but the surface on the pavement access is poor. This might be repaired as part of the renewal scheme. The Garda Barracks needs to be painted and attention given to the garden. There is another horse box abandoned in the car park by the Tulsk Road and you should endeavour to have this, and the one on the green at the Castlerea Road removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally well maintained but some improvements still needed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It is good to see that the derelict cottage on the Roscommon Road is for sale. Hopefully the new owners will improve it and it would be nice too to see some improvement in the derelict house opposite Doyle's .

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lot has been done despite the current difficulties and we look forward to seeing a great improvement in Ballintubber next year. Good luck with the work.