

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFARNON**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>180</b>

## **Ballyfarnon, Co Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is good to know that you are working with Roscommon Co Cl., Telecom and the ESB, even though you may be having some problems with uncompleted work. It is worthwhile pursuing them as work that has been completed looks good, such as the lights on the Crescent. When all the work is complete it should make a big difference to the town. Even though you feel you may not be able to implement it, you should prepare a 3/5 year plan for the town and try to work in conjunction with these bodies on seeing it through.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The approach from Boyle on the Arigna Drive is generally good and could be enhanced by the provision of some picnic tables at the lakeside. On the road to Keadue, as advised by you, roadworks are taking place and the resultant builders rubble is unsightly. There is also some wall building in evidence, and hopefully this will continue. There is also surface of the slip road off the Keadue Road needs attention. Hopefully the Co Cl. will deal with the McDermottroe house (courthouse ?) as this needs painting. Meanwhile the flower containers nearby could be improved by varnishing them. Also the litter bin nearby was rather full. The Garda Barracks, since being repainted, looks a lot better. The gate lodge on the Miner's Walk/Keadue Road was nicely maintained and the church, school and surrounds look good.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a nice planted focal point at the road junction from Boyle/Sligo and Roscommon. The new Josie McDermott monument looks well and is a nice focal point in the centre of the town. Perhaps more houses/shops could be persuaded to provide some form of landscaping as those who are making an effort, such as Shivnan's Pub, look well

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river banks look good and the river is an attractive feature in the town. Perhaps consideration could be given to stocking it with some form of wildlife such as ducks, making access easier and providing picnic facilities there. The signposted walking routes are a good addition.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally good. Quite a bit of effort being made. Keep it up but ensure that bins, where available, are cleaned out

regularly.

## **TIDINESS**

Some improvement here but a lot still to be done. Tyre depot improved but, as you recognise, the storage of tyres there is unsightly. The pavement outside the Cosy Bar is dirty and the seating needs attention. With the co-operation of the owner, this should be tackled. Weeding needed at base of pavements and verges on all roads should be cut. It is appreciated that the storm caused some problems but no doubt these will be resolved soon.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A lot of houses look well and those with flower displays are most attractive. Sadly a number of them are still in need of improvement and these tend to stand out. Keep up the good work though and hopefully more people will start to take a pride in their area.

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

Roadworks continue to detract. Pay attention to verges and weeding near pavements and perimeter walls.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Improvement taking place. Well done! Keep up the pressure on the statutory bodies and it is good to know that you are planning to develop some additional natural amenities in the area in the future.