

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLEAGUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	9	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	155	156

Ballyleague, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballyleague is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your completed questionnaire and sketch map. It is good to know that you are working with Roscommon Co Cl., FAS and the local school. As stated in last year's adjudication report, you should try and have the village boundaries highlighted as the only village sign observed was on the Strokestown Road. The public lighting looks well but you should try to have the telephone wires ducted and some traffic calming would benefit the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone walls, new pavements, newly planted trees and toilet/shower block near the Shannon Edge B/B look very well, but the road surface near the B/B is poor and the green area near the river needs re-planting. The road surface near the Flagship Restaurant is also poor but the river looks well and there is a nice green area with mature trees and seating. It was good to see work taking place on the provision of new pavements at the Strokestown Road junction. The Sliabh Ban Hotel now looks well and the thatched cottage and horse nearby is an interesting feature. There are still a number of plastic signs in evidence and these should be removed. There are nice new pavements and flower containers at the church but the railings are still in need of painting. The side access road to the lake is in need of resurfacing but the lakeside area is attractive and could be made more of a feature. The national school and grounds look well and the flower features are a nice addition. It is a pity that the name plaque is illegible.

LANDSCAPING

A lot of effort has gone into the provision of new trees, shrubs and flower features but most of them need weeding and the seating area near the Roscommon Road needs to have the road surface at the base of the seat repaired. Some private houses and gardens look very well especially those near the Shannon Edge B/B. The B/B is well maintained and the flower baskets are attractive but the derelict site next door continues to detract from it.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river and lake are very good amenities but they still lack signage and it is still worrying that there is no warning that one is accessing from these areas onto a main road. You should

try and get the local school authorities to help you undertake a survey of wildlife in both the river and lake area and you could give details of these on an information board in the village.

LITTER CONTROL

The rubbish bins at the riverbank area upstream were overflowing and litter was scattered around. You should also watch for bill posting. Litter was also in evidence around some of the business premises and the litter box on the main street was battered and full.

TIDINESS

There are a number of vacant and overgrown sites in the village and, while it might not be possible to do anything about the vacant ones, the overgrown ones could benefit from the grass being cut back. The forecourt at the Credit Union building should be weeded and weeds are in evidence at the base of boundary walls, in planted areas and at side accesses to houses. The new trees also require attention as some of these are broken.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of houses and business premises are trying but you need to concentrate on those who are not making an effort and try and persuade them to improve.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces throughout the village are bad but it was nice to see some improvements being made in the provision of new pavements.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyleague has a very nice situation and the river and lake are your greatest assets. You should make more people aware of the facilities they offer.