

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAHINCH**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Ballinahinch, Tipperary N.R.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. In fact, we note that the Ballinahinch Development Association was formed in 1994 and much has already been accomplished by the Committee of eight. Thank you for the comprehensively completed application form and map which was helpful to the adjudicator on the day. We would suggest that you now survey your area, decide on your future objectives and put a simple 3/5 year plan in place to assist you achieve these objectives.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Ballinahinch is a compact village with a Church, School, Parish Centre, Pub and some private houses - this means that all the premises have to be well presented for the potential of the village to be maximised and indeed all are playing their part at present. However, the walls around what appeared to be a storage yard next to An Bonnan Bui Public House needed to be plastered and a gate fitted. Also the work on the porch on the Parish Hall needs to be finalised. Good stone walls are to be seen throughout the village and the embrasures with seating opposite the Church are a nice feature.

### **LANDSCAPING**

We noted the good planting of trees and shrubs undertaken to date throughout the village and also the "softening" of bare walls by the planting of creepers. The two trees planted in front of the Parish Hall will enhance the newer portion of this building - however, one of these appeared to be dead or not doing very well. The graveyard was well maintained on the day of adjudication.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A way to make a start in this category would be to have the local school children undertake a survey of the local flora and fauna.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Your plans to erect litter bins and promote litter awareness are commendable. There was very little evidence of litter in the village during the adjudicator's visit.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly neat and tidy but an area at the rear

of An Bonnan Bui would need some attention. Road verges need to be tidied and kerb side weeds removed throughout. It must be remembered that the outside of boundary walls also need attention.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private houses are well presented in and around Ballinahinch. No doubt the owners of the new house being built will be encouraged to complete the premises and surrounds to a high standard. The private house at the rear of the telephone box needs painting.

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

The signage on the Newport approach was rather overgrown and the village name sign was buried in foliage on the Silvermines approach. Hedgerows were pleasant where left in a natural state with foxgloves and ferns featuring. However, care must be taken that these do not become overgrown.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A pleasant rural village where the residents are obviously committed to its future well-being. We look forward to seeing further progress in the years ahead.