

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-99

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 32 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 34 | 33 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 34 | 33 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 17 | 17 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 33 | 33 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 25 | 25 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 31 | 31 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 228 | 225 |

Ballinderry, County Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for entry form and map received. We have noted that you have a good working relationship with the Local Council, FAS and Shannon Development. You must be one of few villages not to have a School but, no doubt, you find other ways to involve the young people in your area in your endeavours.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Hogans pub with its lovely gardens and attractively landscaped car park opposite is to be commended. On the day of adjudication the front door of the Pub was being painted. The old garda station with its climbing roses is also very attractive. The Tavern Pub was looking well - however, an Expel Air attached to one of the windows with masking tape was unsightly. As mentioned in a previous report, the design of the phone booth is inappropriate for the village. The Caravan park is well kept but the area around the sink with the old bench seating needed some attention. The surrounds of the Post Office have improved and no doubt there are plans to paint the Garage door here. The Village Store and surrounds were well presented on the day of adjudication.. Lakeshore Cottage was looking fresh and well maintained with good planting. The farm buildings by the riverside feature have improved - it would be good if the galvanised roof of the adjacent shed could be painted here. The ongoing work on stone walls was noted.

LANDSCAPING

The riverside amenity was looking extremely well on the day of adjudication with its seating and attractive planting. Also the pump area was well laid out - here there is still a blank notice board on the adjacent wall and we wonder if this could be used as an informational outlet for visitors. The tubs of flowers throughout the village are very attractive - however, these tubs must be painted and maintained at all times. Your past and present tree planting projects were noted and admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The management of green areas, tree planting and provision of riverside habitat for ducks were noted and commended.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication the village was mainly litter free but there was a drizzle of litter on the approach roads.

TIDINESS

In general the town and surrounds was tidy but some more weed control earlier in the year would be beneficial. Weeds should be removed after spraying as otherwise you are left with brown burnt areas which are not attractive.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Extremely good throughout the village and approach roads with a couple of exceptions. It was noted that there are quite a number of new houses being built around Ballinderry at present and these owners should be encouraged to join in the Tidy Towns effort and present their premises, when completed, in an attractive manner.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Directional signage and the Yield sign at the crossroads near the Village Store needed cleaning. The poles for most of the signage in the village needed painting. The approach roads are well maintained, taking the needs of wildlife into account.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is an obvious commitment by the community in Ballinderry to maintain and improve their home-place on an ongoing basis. With perhaps a little more attention to detail Ballinderry should continue to progress well in the Tidy Towns Competition.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/99)

The village nameplate on the Terryglass approach to the village was quite grubby on adjudication day. As noted by the first adjudicator there are a couple of houses under construction on this approach and hopefully will be in keeping with the character of the village. In terms of other street furniture, directional signs by the shop appeared quite rusty and grubby. Hogan's was well presented. The attractive old farmhouse opposite with its display of montbretia to the front was greatly admired. The village was generally quite free of litter apart from a single plastic bag strewn along the roadside. The Tavern was also extremely fresh in white and yellow. As mentioned by the first adjudicator the perspex to the telephone box is quite badly stained. Although the pump was simply presented the blank board to the wall adjacent was still evident. Despite these minor issues the village generally looked well on second adjudication day.