

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	170	--

Ballycommon, Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. Ballycommon has taken a major step by becoming part of the very worthwhile Sli Eala - " a walk of discovery by road and riverbank " as described on the brochure. Thank you for this brochure, map and other documentation in this regard. Also, for your comprehensively completed application form. We would suggest that you now survey your area, decide on your future objectives and put a 3/5 year plan in place, outlining these objectives and identifying ways and means of achieving same.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballycommon is an attractive village and the Texaco Filling Station, the Thatch Cottage Pub and Restaurant, Maryville B & B and the Post Office are all well presented. However, the Muintir na Tire Hall needed painting. The two derelict houses at the cross roads give a bad impression and perhaps it would be possible to camouflage these more until a more permanent solution is found. Good stone walls were noted throughout the village.

LANDSCAPING

The Thatch Cottage grounds are very well laid out - however, the lanterns here need refurbishment. Also, the public seats in the village need to be painted as they are covered in graffiti. The Picnic area and car park at Ballyartella were noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The display units at the river walk contribute to this category.

LITTER CONTROL

Only a sprinkling of litter was noted throughout the village.

TIDINESS

Ballycommon presents a mostly neat and tidy appearance. However, at Hanlys Woollen Mill on the Puckane approach, weedkilling had taken place near the bridge and car park but the weeds were not removed prior to spraying so what was left was burnt vegetation. We would recommend that the visible storage area for barrels, crates, bin etc at the rear of the Thatch Cottage be screened in some manner.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private residences throughout were mostly well presented but attention to boundary walls could have been better in some instances.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some approach roads needed attention and verges were rough in a number of areas. All signage at the cross roads needed to be cleaned and poles on speed signs needed painting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A village in the heart of a very pleasant rural area whose residents are aware of the need to ensure that it's characteristics are maintained and improved. The Committee is already making an impression and we look forward to further achievements in the years ahead.