

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYNEALE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	168

Ballyneale, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the information on the application form and the accompanying map which was very useful on adjudication day. It is now some time since this adjudicator visited Ballyneale in an adjudication situation. It was therefore a pleasure again to visit this delightful village. You received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator. The following comments therefore should be looked on as a progress report and read in the context of last year's adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The lovely stoned walls are now becoming a feature of the village. They have been beautifully restored. Your church, cemetery, school and village inn are also features of the village. They were admirably presented on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

Ballyneale does not have many open spaces but you have done excellent work with your flowerbeds and tree planting. The village pump - while well presented in itself, could, as was suggested last year, be further enhanced by some colourful floral adornment. The Kiely Monument also looked extremely well and is being well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your tree planting programme under this heading is to be commended. The thinking now is however that a town or village should designate a specific area in or near the adjudication area for preservation and enhancement for wildlife purposes. Perhaps this is something you will give some thought to and, in the event, refer to the specific area when sending in next year's application. At the moment therefore you will continue to get a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

On adjudication day the centre of the village was comparatively litter-free. Unfortunately there was some litter in evidence on the Carrick-on-Suir approach which took away somewhat from an otherwise well kept environment. Perhaps a litter bin in that area would solve the problem.

TIDINESS

The comments regarding the dump were noted. It could only be suggested that you continue your good efforts in this respect otherwise Ballyneale looked very neat and tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As usual, the local residents look after their houses very well and were very nicely presented on adjudication day. It is obviously one of the main planks of your Tidy Towns effort. Congratulations are due to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads to the village looked extremely well and have recently been cut. Paths and streets are being maintained to the usually high standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyneale is a delightful village and will no doubt continue to be so for many years to come. In the meantime, the fact that the residents of Ballyneale are living in a delightful environment is due, in no small way, to your efforts in this competition.