

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	--
Litter Control	40	31	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	189	--

Ballypatrick, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

We welcome Ballypatrick back into the Competition and wish them every success in it. The application and the map were most useful on adjudication day. This is the first occasion on which the present adjudicator has visited Ballypatrick. Many of the comments made in the 1997 report are still applicable. The following comments therefore should be read in the context of that adjudication. Your overall developmental approach is excellent. Your 3 year plan makes very interesting reading. You should however liaise closely with your Local Authority, FAS and your Regional Tourism Authority based in Waterford who may be able to advise you on aspects of the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Excellent work was carried out on the wall opposite the Tennis Club. It is however a pity that the old derelict house cannot be restored in some shape or form - possibly as a heritage centre. Premises in the middle of the village looked very well on adjudication day and this is obviously a major plank in your Tidy Towns effort. Success cannot be achieved, particularly in a small community, without the help of both the business and the private sector. The loose stone wall on the Clonmel approach looked extremely well. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The area in the vicinity of the Tennis Club looks extremely well and your comments regarding the removal of the ditch at the old derelict house were also noted. Landscaping is an area where perhaps your Local Authority may be of assistance to you. Most Local Authorities have landscaping specialists who will advise you on the right type of trees, plants and shrubs to use bearing in mind your existing environment. In the event do consider putting some emphasis on trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. The use of tubs and window boxes was also noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. The present thinking is that, for the future you might designate a location either in or close to the adjudication area which you would consider preserving as a wildlife centre. In the event you would be asked to do some work on this in an effort to attract and hold suitable wildlife from your immediate precincts. If you can do this perhaps you can make special

mention of it when submitting your entry form for next year as the adjudicator would like to have sight of it.

LITTER CONTROL

On adjudication day the village was practically free of litter. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

Both on the approaches to the village and in its centre there is obviously a great sense of tidiness and all concerned are to be congratulated. The area in the vicinity of the Creamery seems to have been greatly improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is obviously another major plank in your Tidy Towns effort. Almost without exception individual houses looked extremely well. Some had very nice gardens. Congratulations to are again due to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads looked extremely well and roads and footpaths within the village are being well maintained. The appearance of approach roads is very important as it tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. Your village signs are also being very well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall Ballypatrick is a delightful place. We are very pleased to have the village back in the competition. Implement your 3 year plan and use whatever advice and assistance you can avail of.