

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYDUFF UPPER**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>182</b>

## **Ballyduff Upper, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form which was completed in detail and the map which was of great assistance on the day of adjudication. You continue to maintain links with Waterford County Council and FAS. In addition I would suggest that your Committee should form a working relationship with other agencies and they include the Regional Tourism Authority, National Rehabilitation Board, ESB and Telecom Eireann who would have valuable advice to give you in preparing a plan. Again the adjudicator would strongly encourage you to produce a plan for the next 3 to 5 years. As previously indicated, it should be a very simple one for not more than 3 to 5 years and which set out clearly your objectives for each year. Set down a limited number of targets for each year; it is also something which can be built on over the coming years. You appear to have lost some members of your Committee from last year. You do need more members to help you with the workload. I know that you are receiving practical assistance from the Community Council and perhaps this should be built on by recruiting more members throughout the community to help you with the work in hand. Perhaps you might also consider establishing a junior Tidy Towns Committee, so that the energy and interest of the young people can be harnessed to become involved with their own school and community environment. We do look forward to seeing your 3 to 5 year plan, when it is completed for next year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

You have begun to tackle some buildings which needed attention, and well done for that. It was good to see that the Co-Op building is receiving attention and when completed should look very well. The adjudicator suggests that some type of a climbing plant be used on the outside of the railing which would be native to the area e.g. honeysuckle or similar. The Church is being maintained in very good condition and the gates were newly painted. The Community Hall had some lovely planting of roses by the wall and also trees at the railing. The tarmacing of the outside wall certainly has made this area look very neat. The School continues to look good. All the commercial buildings continue to be maintained well. The Carnegie Free Library building does need freshening. The Garda Station is sited in an ideal location and is a building of great character, however it does need some work done to it. The gates and windows need attention. The front garden of this building is an ideal area to plant some more trees and shrubs. Perhaps you might, when preparing your 3 to 5

year plan give some thought to bilingualism in the signage of [shops, pubs, Community Hall, School , etc] where appropriate. You might bear in mind making your village accessible for persons with mobility difficulties.

## **LANDSCAPING**

It was noted from your entry form that you intend having flower tubs and planting of shrubs outside the Co-Op building later on this year. Some nice planting has been done throughout the village and it is being maintained well. Some buildings have flower boxes and planters and they looked attractive. You do not have any park or open green spaces to landscape or maintain. The flowers in the tubs throughout the village continue to be maintained, and as last year a lovely selection has been used.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have great potential in Ballyduff Upper to develop the wildlife and natural amenities of your village. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wildlife in your community, and it should be included in your long-term plans and development work. The Tidy Towns Handbook, which was sent to you this year, contains very useful information on getting started. Again, no doubt you have a local environmental expert who will only be too delighted to advise you and provide you with additional necessary knowledge.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

As you stated on your entry form, people in general are litter-conscious and take pride in their place. This is most welcome. The overall control of litter is very good in Ballyduff Upper. The provision of extra bins has helped. Some small pieces were observed outside the Health Centre and at the Garage. It is good to see that you have ongoing arrangements for the control of litter and this has helped enormously in its control.

## **TIDINESS**

The village overall, looks tidy, and when the commercial property on the Fermoy road completes its refurbishing, it will enhance the village. Again, when the housing opposite the Church is landscaped it will add considerably to the appearance of the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses on the Fermoy road - Marian Terrace - had some lovely individual display of flowers and the properties continue to be maintained very well. Perhaps a bilingual

sign could be displayed in a suitable place in this area. When the building of other housing developments throughout the village is completed it will enhance the areas. It is noticed that you have some problems with derelict houses and sites. I would suggest that you would discuss this with the Local Authorities so that a resolution can be found.

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

The pathway to the School and Community Field has been tarmacked and improves the overall presentation of this area. Footpaths do need renewing in some areas and this should be discussed with the Local Authorities. The bridge is maintained in good condition and also the signs were clean. Some lovely tubs of flowers were noted at the "Blackwater River" sign. Entrance gates to fields do need painting.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your Committee is doing very good work to improve the presentation of Ballyduff Upper. The village has potential to do well in this Competition. Again as pointed out last year, it would help enormously to have a 3 to 5 year plan in place, setting out the aims and objectives for each year. It would also help you to make progress in the Competition. Please do consult the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to your Committee this year. The village inhabitants have great pride in their village and no doubt will continue their efforts in the years ahead. Well done to all concerned !