

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINADEE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	30
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	11
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	184

Ballinadee, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you, for your application, three year plan and map details, which included detail on the bird chart and picnic area. The Millennium project is a very fine initiative with the co-operation of the Tidy Towns Committee, Cork County Council, FAS, Local Businesses and Community Groups. The Patrick (Patsy) O'Flynn plaque is excellent. Continue to have a balanced approach to all categories in the competition and utilise fully the river, which passes through the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballinadee is a very compact village with all the essential services within close proximity. The integration of buildings and trees is best observed from the Kinsale approach with the spires of the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland giving a very visually pleasing and impressive preview of the village. O'Driscolls public house looks well, but the use of a timber rather than a plastic sign would improve it further. Corcoran's also looks well. The prominent buildings in the town, the R.C. Church, the Church of Ireland and the Primary School are very well maintained again. Ballinadee Engineering continues to look well. The shop near the junction for Bandon and Inishannon would look more traditional if the plastic advertising around the window was removed.

LANDSCAPING

The addition of your Millennium project is an excellent addition to the village. This gives this area a much needed focal point. Its location beside the river should provide a very nice seating area for locals and visitors to the village. The new Commemorative Plaque to Patrick (Patsy) O'Flynn the Olympic Athlete is very informative and is quite rightly a source of great local pride. The wildflower area near the bridge should look well when completed. The graveyard at the RC.Church is well maintained, as are the grounds of the primary school and the areas opposite the 'Glebe House'. The banked planting in the car park near the river is somewhat over shadowed by the lorries that park in front of it.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Wildlife chart is very impressive high quality production and the categories of birds depicted by their habitat is a great idea. This is a great step towards identifying the habitats of your area. This forms part of an environmental

programme, which should form part of your plan required under 'overall developmental approach'. Do not be overwhelmed by this, try to get schools and youth groups involved. – The Wildlife and Natural Amenities section of the Tidy Towns handbook should be helpful. The bird feeding tables at the primary school are highly commended and indicate strong involvement by the youth of Ballinadee.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is again being kept in check. As mentioned last year, try to purchase bins of the same design when bins are due for replacement. The bin near the picnic area should be painted. I note from your application form that you run a litter awareness campaign. Keep up your work through the school also.

TIDINESS

The streets, car park and bridge are very well weeded. The public phone box requires a replacement door and a replacement pane of glass. The building rubble parked at the riverside car park is quite unsightly and detracts from this area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All buildings in the heart of the village are freshly painted. The old style sash windows should be preserved if possible. The newer red bricked houses look well with the foreground being cultivated, the waste material at the side should be removed.

ROAD STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The use of cut stone in all public walls is a very strong feature of the village. This is especially true at the bridge. All approach roads are well cut back. The 'Yield' traffic sign on the Inishannon / Bandon road still needs repair. The new village signs, which are bilingual are most attractive and give an excellent first impression. The fingerpost signs at the Bandon / Inishannon junction would need cleaning and touching up, there is nice planting here and in particular on the Bandon approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Very steady progress is being made with the new bird chart, picnic area and commemorative plaque to Patrick (Patsy) O'Flynn being significant additions to the Village. Consult the Tidy Towns handbook when planning ahead, particularly in the Wildlife and Natural Amenities category. Keep up the good work.