

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYLICKEY**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Ballylickey, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It would be useful to the adjudicator if your Committee could submit a Map with your entry form which would indicate clearly locations where you have carried out work during the year, or locations where you plan to carry out improvements. Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you should prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an important aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. The new Tidy towns Handbook has been issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government, to all Tidy towns Committees. This is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets that together cover all aspects of the Competition. It is encouraging to see that you have carried out a lot of work this year and that FAS are providing support.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Eagle Point Caravan & Camping Park continues to be excellently maintained. Nearby, Cronin's Supermarket looked well on adjudication day, as did The Ouvane Falls premises. Once again the grounds of the Reenadesert Hotel looked well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There are many examples of good landscaping in Ballylickey. Your work at Snave Pier looks well and you have developed an important and widely used amenity. The adjudicator notes that you have incorporated the needs of the disabled in this project.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The adjudicator looks forward next year to seeing a copy of the study on the Ballylickey Estuary from the wildlife point of view. Do remember that when looking at wildlife, the important issue is to preserve the existing wildlife facilities, rather than developing new ones. Your project should also include good information boards on the wildlife to be seen in the Estuary. This project will of course be an excellent amenity also for local people and visitors to the area alike.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

On adjudication day litter control was very good, and occasional litter was noted in various locations.

## **TIDINESS**

Once again Ballylickey was well presented on adjudication day. Watch out for advertising signs – you have rather a lot of them. Where possible it is better to have a well designed group of signs rather than a scattering of individual signs. Do talk to your Local Authority on this issue as there are various requirements for the provision of signs of any sort.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are many extremely well presented private properties in Ballylickey. Most have excellent mature gardens which are being extremely well maintained by their owners. In some cases natural rock has been used to great effect as a landscaping feature.

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

Your project in regard to roadway lighting and footpaths was noted by the adjudicator. The main approach roads to Ballylickey were excellently presented and the Parson Bridge road also looked well. Do make sure that vegetation does not obscure road signs as there has been very heavy growth this year in County Cork. The stone walls used on your main approach roads are an excellent natural feature. The overall standard of your approach roads appeared to drop near the speed limit signs on the Bantry side of Ballylickey. In this general area some untidy wire fencing was noted and this should receive your attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballylickey is a large entry in terms of road mileage, but it is a most attractive area.