

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYMACODA**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>187</b>

## **Ballymacoda, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your Tidy Towns Committee has drawn up a comprehensive list of objectives for current Tidy Towns activities. It will probably be necessary to make a priority list and so concentrate on a specific number of items to be attended to. This would enable the committee and the community to deal with the various problems in a more co-ordinated manner.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Buildings generally throughout the village were quite well presented. The standard of business premises was quite good. In some instances, this was enhanced by use of hanging baskets etc. The remains of a damaged premises, close to a licensed premises will probably be reconstructed in time; meanwhile, the area roundabout is tidily maintained. The Catholic Church is an impressive building and it and the adjoining grounds are very well maintained. The Village Hall is neatly presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A considerable amount of landscaping has been carried out throughout the village, some of which is of a very good standard. The general landscaping carried out in the vicinity of the amenity area of the Knockadoon end of the village is of a very high standard. Here, the maintenance of the green area, picnic tables and the Bicentenary stone and plaque was of an excellent standard. The flowerbeds, which have been planted in the vicinity of the bridge looked well. Colourful bedding plants were also in evidence in other areas of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

That area in the vicinity of the bridge is an important amenity area for the village. At the time of adjudication, the stream had been freshly cleaned. The good maintenance of that stream is a credit to the community as it is a valuable asset to the community. It can also provide important habitat for some species of wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter situation throughout the village, seemed to be under control. The village stretches over a relatively long area and it is encouraging that the community is capable of dealing satisfactorily with the litter problem, which is a constant one for many centres. This vigilance should be

continued for the future.

## **TIDINESS**

As outlined in your list, the site near the church is in the process of being cleaned; this, when completed, will enhance this area of the village. Areas such as that in the vicinity of the Village Hall, Post Office, telephone kiosk etc. were all quite tidily maintained. The area in the vicinity of the Ball Alley was also quite tidy. The bridge area generally was very tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residents in all areas of the village are obviously contributing to the Tidy Towns efforts by the manner in which houses and gardens are presented. There is a very good standard in this aspect of the Competition and overall, it presents the village in a favourable light. In many instances, colourful window boxes and hanging baskets have been very effectively utilised.

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

The village streets were quite tidy and well maintained. The approach road from Youghal was well maintained and grass verges were nicely trimmed. The map of the village mounted permanently on a wall near the Youghal junction at that end of the village is a good initiative; this area was further enhanced by colourful hanging baskets nearby. The Knockadoon approach road looked very well also. On a minor approach road at the Youghal end of the village, one of the 30MPH signs was missing and this approach was not tidy. The stone wall built around the church looks very well. The construction of further stone walls further along the village is enhancing. The plaque on the wall of the very pleasant Parish Hall is a good initiative and commemorates Pdraig Cundun, An File. Two "Caution Children" signs located within the village area were noted to be in need of repainting. The access to the Hill Cemetery was disappointingly overgrown; also the sign and the pole to which it was attached were both in need of repainting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a most pleasant village and one, which the residents obviously take a pride in. As already indicated, the Tidy Towns Committee has set itself ambitious targets. If the Committee continues to get good support from the community generally, then further significant progress can be made in the Competition.