

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYBOUGHAL**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	213	202

BALLYBOUGHAL, CO. DUBLIN

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and back up materials that were of great assistance on adjudication day. We also welcome your proposed plans for your village and the work carried out over the past year has been noted, well done and we look forward to your future plans being implemented over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings throughout Ballyboughal both residential and business were exceptionally well presented on the day of adjudication. Some of the residences along the main street were very well presented and very cheerful. O'Connors, Noteowl Security, the old school and the new school were all very well presented as was the thatched cottage in the centre of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The approach roads into Ballyboughal were tidy looking. Overall the impression in this category was very good. It has been noted that over the past number of years this category is improving every year, most notably the housing estate beside O'Connors, (the name plate was covered over on the day of adjudication) Improvements made in this area are reflected in this year's marks. Your committee has inspired your community to establish a sense of pride in the town's presentation. We look forward to the completion of your village green area as outlined in your three year plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The work done on your riverside walk and the area around the monument have been noted. Again well done. The riverside area has been much improved upon because of your efforts.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control throughout Ballyboughal again was quite exceptional on the day of adjudication. The absence of litter throughout the main street and surrounding areas was noted and your anti-litter promotions are obviously working amongst the local community; keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

Ballyboughal has a well cared for appearance; the absence of graffiti is of particular note. The absence of weeds at

kerbsides and along walls gives the village a very tidy appearance. There was only one exception in this area which was the housing estate opposite the river. The entrance to this was very overgrown and unkept looking on the day of adjudication although all the houses were maintained to a very high standard

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The local community is to be commended on the very high standard of presentation of residential areas. The standard of private gardens is very high throughout, in particular, in the housing estate beside O'Connors and the housing estate beside the River. Some of the gardens of residences surrounding the village also were exceptionally well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It might also be an idea to have some planting along the approach road areas into Ballyboughal to make it a little more welcoming. Again, we are looking forward to the completion of the Village Green area which will add much to your village. Overall the impression was good in this area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is no doubt that your committee has succeeded in establishing a well organised and dedicated team who have had many achievements over the years. Maintaining standards is a considerable challenge that your committee is managing well and which is reflected in this year's marks. Continued support from the local authority, local businesses and the community will help the committee to make further achievements in the coming years. Keep up the good work.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/00)

Your three year plan made interesting reading. There is no doubt that if you sustain your present level of commitment and interest Ballyboughal will make significant progress in the competition. Again litter was not a problem. All the established green areas were well maintained but there is considerable scope to upgrade the general grass verges by way of strimming or planting wild flowers for instance. Most of the buildings were admirable.