

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYBRACK**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	31
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Ballybrack, County Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Ballybrack Tidy Towns Committee display an immense enthusiasm for all aspects of the competition. This covers all aspects of presentation and indeed all sectors of the local community. The adoption of the churchyard by the sixth class of St. Colmcilles National School is of particular mention. The local walk is a most interesting one highlighting as it does the various attractions of the area. Your map was most helpful on adjudication day. The village renewal plan 2000 is most comprehensive and a thorough approach to further progressive for Ballybrack.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The buildings throughout the town looked well on adjudication day. The Post Office was fresh as was the Igo Inn which was very fresh in pink and cream. Both bookmakers were also fresh, however the greengrocers could be freshened up before next year's competition. The landscaping at the terrace of shops was admired. The brick and stone gabled buildings at the Credit Union, Murphy's and the Cleaners are most unusual and were greatly admired. St. Mathias Church of Ireland looked most attractive in stone. The Catholic Church was also well maintained tucked as it is away off the road. The school on the station side of Military Road was well maintained and its grounds looked extremely well. The modern church by the shopping centre was also in good condition. Trees have been planted in the shopping centre car park but further scope is possible in this location in relation to landscaping.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The green space opposite McGovern's was well maintained – the presence of a plastic bottle and a number of papers however detracted from this good impression. The landscaping to the front of the terrace of shops on Church Road with its permanent planting looked extremely well. Litter was apparent at the green space on the Wyattville Road. Cill Iníon sixth century church and graveyard is a fine piece of local heritage and displayed attractive tubs filled with pansies at its entrance. The pink valerian at the stonewall opposite was also admired.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is an aspect of the competition which you appear to have well in hand. The Loughlinstown Ecology Park and the accompanying leaflet with your application are both

fascinating in terms of local wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

This could have been better on the day – a light scattering was evident at the village centre. Litter was also apparent on the Shangannagh Road particularly by the bus stop – graffiti was evident at a plastered wall adjacent to this space. More litter was evident on the Wyattville Road at the green space and with the junction of Madden's Lane.

### **TIDINESS**

Graffiti appeared to be a problem throughout the area. In particular it was noted at Oakton Park, at Sheelin Walk and at the subway entrance by the shopping centre. Do try to discourage projecting plastic signs and hoardings which give the village a cluttered appearance.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Housing estates throughout the village were generally well maintained. The relatively new houses on the Shangannagh Road were admired, however, do not forget to paint gable walls as these are apparent as one drives along this road. Albany Court and the Sycamores were both well maintained. Some of the boundary walls along the Shangannagh Road were in need of some attention. Killiney Gate Estate was beautifully maintained and landscaped. Dale View cottages looked most quaint. Davitt Park is a new attractive estate in brick – in sharp contrast to that opposite which looked quite rough. Glenavon sported an attractive entrance area with a granite nameplate and pansies at its base. There are a number of most attractive houses on Marino Avenue West.

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

The Shangannagh Road is an attractive approach to the village with its overhanging chestnut trees. Church Road was fine. The Wyattville Road has a magnificent view of the mountains beyond. The Nurseries nameplate was in bad condition with a number of letters missing. In terms of street furniture a door was missing from the phone box at the crossroads in the village centre.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballybrack is an attractive village, which still maintains its unique character despite ongoing development and extension. It is set in some magnificent scenery with a beautiful view of the mountains and in particular the Sugarloaf beyond the village. Congratulations to all concerned on your ongoing efforts, which are evidently paying off.