

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLITORE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	16	17
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Ballitore, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

As mentioned in last year's report it is imperative that some form of Development Plan be included if you are to increase marks in this category. Perhaps you could start by including a one-year, two-page Development Plan and a more detailed map for next year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Undoubtedly, the derelict buildings in the square in Ballitore take away from the character of this tranquil village. The Post Office, Shaker Store and Nolan's Foodstore were well painted. Unfortunately, on the morning of adjudication the Ballitore Quaker Museum and Library was not open – however, the building looked exceptionally well as did the pathway outside.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A number of bedding flowers and shrubs have been placed around the square area in concrete containers. This certainly adds to the square. Perhaps if the containers were painted in keeping with the surrounding buildings it would enhance the square even further. The stone arch area on the Abbays Row shows huge potential for development. The addition of plants and outdoor furniture would enhance the attractiveness of this amenity for local residents and the provision of litterbins should also be provided.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your application form didn't indicate any developments or proposed developments regarding wildlife conservation. It was noted, however, that there was a rather derelict gateway adjacent to the Ballitore Quaker Museum and Library. Perhaps this woodland area could be developed into a wildlife/amenity area in years to come.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is still a problem in Ballitore. Substantial scatterings of litter were noted at various locations throughout the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The overall impression of the village is quite tidy. As previously mentioned there is a litter problem here, which

could easily be tackled. Roadside sweeping on the road towards the Meetinghouse is recommended as the pathways were covered with dead leaves on the day of adjudication. Quite an amount of football-oriented graffiti was noted at various locations throughout the village. In addition, the outdoor bench off the square on Abbys Row needs repainting.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual residences and gardens throughout the village are quite well maintained. Tasteful colours have been used fitting in with the overall atmosphere of the village. Some premises displayed window boxes and this should be encouraged.

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

These areas are generally satisfactory.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballitore is set in an idyllic rural setting. It has maintained its unique character despite its proximity to the main road. There is a huge amount of potential for the further development of the village and its environs, which ideally should be laid out in a development plan. We look forward to future progressions.