

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYHAHILL**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Ballyhahill, County Limerick.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the completed entry form and attached village map. You are showing improvement in the village core, where stonewall building was much in evidence. You have many problems beyond the expected capabilities of a small tidy towns committee. It is imperative that you stick to an agreed improvement plan and select a small number of projects each year. There is evidence of very good individual efforts and many people are playing their part in a very positive way.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Again this year the church and schools are excellent. The old school has an attractive display of flower boxes and this building looks well. The building is in need of improvement and this could greatly enhance the area. The stonewall programme, now running for several years, is improving the village, but you need to match this development with an adequate amount of tree planting. You also need to ensure that the rural ethos of the village is protected.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The tree planting of previous years is now enhancing the overall appearance of the village and will further improve with the passing of time. Try and plant more trees inside the stone walls and pay greater attention to the existing hedgerows. You have a great deal of overgrowth in need of trimming, even within the village core. The carpark beside Barr na Sráide needs improvement.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have an opportunity for the promotion of wildlife and raising your marks in this section. The river bridge area is an ideal location for the erection of an illustrated wildlife display board. You should consider a wildlife survey of local bird species in co-operation with the school authorities.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

This is not a serious problem, though some small amounts of litter were seen near the river bridge.

### **TIDINESS**

Because of the dereliction, unattended open spaces and some unoccupied premises, parts of the village look untidy. You should organise weekly clean ups that would tackle some of the points raised under this section.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses are well presented and many have attractive flower gardens. Commercial premises are very well presented. Curtains is well presented but should consider changing the plastic name sign. B arr na Sr aide pub is well presented, together with the grocery shop.

### **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

You have a weakness with approach roads, which are overgrowing and excessive in grass growth. You should contact your local authority in regard to the cutting of hedges and grass growth. Back and side areas are now an important part of the competition and should get the attention they deserve.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You have raised your marks because of the extra work in evidence. You have the potential to further improve but you need to bring the community with you in your efforts. Keep up the good work.