

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYORGAN**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	193

Ballyorgan, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, detailed work plan with photographs and sketch map of the village.

Once again the Committee is to be commended for the effort it has put into harnessing the positive goodwill of the local community and the village notice board is a novel way of informing people.

The committee's relationship with the County Council, FAS and Ballyhoura Failte has paid dividends, as there have been a number of improvements since last year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The addition of dry stonewalls near the community centre is a welcome addition to the village infrastructure.

The majority of buildings both public and private were presented to a very high standard and it was good to see Moynihan's in the throes of being refurnished and also retaining the old stone name plaque.

The Church and School were both maintained to a high standard with the school boundary walls painted

Efforts have been made to ensure that the fabric of the village is retained as in the case of Moynihans premises.

The Old Forge is an unusual stone cottage in an idyllic setting at the foot of the Ballyhoura Mountains.

Old established businesses such as Mees Pub and the Latern Lodge farmhouse were in top condition.

LANDSCAPING

It is important that a village such as Ballyorgan should have a variety of planting arrangements and indeed the committee have gone a long way in achieving this.

The mix of shrubs and trees is just right for a village the size of Ballyorgan. The committee have resisted the temptation to over beautify by providing a plethora of colourful flower boxes and tubs.

The rockery and shrubbery with timber fencing at the Long Delay was noted for its simplicity and attractiveness.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The addition last year of the Bird Identification Board was a first step in increasing awareness of local wildlife.

This year the committee is to be complimented for initiating a project relevant to the preservation of wild flowers in the immediate area.

Indeed some larger communities could learn from your collective effort in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

It is encouraging to see that the regular clean ups are being well supported by the local community in general. This undoubtedly has proved successful as the village was virtually litter free on adjudication day.

So keep up the excellent work and please make sure that the schoolchildren are involved in the campaign.

TIDINESS

The standard in this category was much improved since last year.

There was very little weed growth visible, except on the outskirts near the old creamery.

The road sign on the Kildorrery/Ardpatrick Road was dilapidated and needs to be replaced.

The committee should approach Limerick County Council to ensure that roads signs are upgraded where necessary.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was quite good and again there was an improvement since last year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The two main roads into the village from Kilmallock/Kildorrery and from Kilfinane were presented to an acceptable standard.

Road signs, with one exception already mentioned, were well presented and visible

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Each year Ballyorgan has made progress in the competition and this augurs well for the future

Keep up the good work.