

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINODE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	14
Litter Control	40	32	33
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	199

Ballinode, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form your most useful map for the Millennium competition. This would make a huge difference both to the adjudicator and to the strength of the committee within the community and to your progress over the coming years. Please put it in place.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballinode has very attractive houses and an interesting mix of shops together with some industrial buildings. The houses with their very attractive ivy and creepers are the kingpin. It is good to note that public buildings and commercial outlets are very well maintained, in particular the Church of Ireland and its grounds and some of the industrial units.

LANDSCAPING

Deciduous trees are doing very well on the approach roads to the village and this is excellent for years to come. The Museum area was again noted – planted very attractively. Planting was also noted at the Welcome signs on the approach roads and on the boxes on the village street. These were well planned and colourful additions to the streetscape.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Notwithstanding your observation that the area of the sawmills might be suitable for wildlife it would be the opinion of your adjudicator that the river front and bank along the old hump back bridge would be particularly attractive. You could signpost here the variety of flora and fauna, the rock formations, the waterlife. Seek assistance from your Conservation Officer and attempt this for next year.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little or no litter evident on the day other than ironically in the river itself. The banks had recently been cut and clearly the residue had come back into the river. This is rather unfortunately marring the loveliest feature of your village.

TIDINESS

Notwithstanding the comments under litter the overall impression of Ballinode is of an extremely tidy workmanlike place. The asphalt covered truck yard – Sam's Silos all

present very well and are a credit to the community and to the owners. Regarding chained linked fencing throughout the village – there is far too much of it and it needs to be dealt with. It is visually intrusive and should be replaced with something more suitable. Last year's observations on the Kerry-Lee building remain and it is a definite eye sore at what should be a focal point to Ballinode.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas in Ballinode are very well kept. As already noted houses within the village present very well. In addition the estate at Cappog was very well maintained and litter free. Congratulations to the families here. Houses on the approach roads especially Lemaccilla Cross and on the Monaghan Road were noteworthy for their presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were uniformly well kept with the exception of the Rosslea Road which needed trimming and tidying. Back areas throughout the village were quite well maintained. Unfortunately the saw mills and some of the derelict farm buildings close to the village centre are damaging your potential within the competition itself.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballinode has a number of very attractive unique features notably the 18th century bridge and its environs. You can do far more with these to progress further within the competition. Combine efforts in this regard with some attempts at the wildlife initiative within the competition and you will score better in time to come. Keep up the good work.