

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINLOUGH**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	16
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	14	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	15
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	141	135

Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on your commitment to Tidy Towns over the last forty years. Your town is undergoing a lot of reconstruction at present. As mentioned in last year's report, a 3/5 year plan needs to be drawn up to improve the overall appearance of your town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new Whitehouse Hotel has improved that part of town greatly as will the new building across the road when finished. There are still many unsightly and derelict buildings to be seen. I notice that you still had no success with your town signs and traffic calming bollards yet. There is also a lot of work in progress at the Loughlynn entrance which, when finished, should improve this area immensely.

LANDSCAPING

The green area and borders in front of Ballinlough Refrigeration are nice. The fence along the road needs to be repaired and the cluttered area where the pallets and cylinders are stored could be improved by screening from public view. There are very many attractive flower beds in evidence including the lawn, borders and flower beds around the Church. Some grass verges need to be cut and the weeds along kerbside and boundary walls need to be taken care of.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Like most country towns there was plenty of wildlife around but there isn't any focal point. Perhaps the lake area would be worth considering for such a purpose. The tourism map looks good.

LITTER CONTROL

There was evidence of litter in the following areas - shrubbery across from the Church, on the Williamstown Road and around some of the derelict buildings.

TIDINESS

There is a lot of builder's rubble and materials around the Loughlynn Road and Main Street where the building work is going on. Murphy's Bar, The White House Hotel and The Tap Bar are just being painted. The work is well under way next to O'Flynn's. There is an unsightly rubble tip across the road from Ballinlough Refrigeration. There are still many plastic signs and faded canopies. Most of the buildings

from the "Seat" sign down to the junction need to be painted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the business premises are making an effort. The new house next to the Shell Filling Station will be nice especially when the entrance is finished. The Garda Station could do with being painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Loughlynn Road entrance to the town is very untidy. There are still many unsightly and derelict buildings. Keep up the pressure on the owners, if known, to tidy them up. The new road surface and the new hotel development clean up the place nicely. Watch out for overgrown hedges.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a lot of building and renovation work going on at present. The town is shaping up very nicely. The through traffic seemed to be travelling very fast through the town while I was there. Keep up the pressure for traffic calming bollards. Keep up the good work.