

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYFARNON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	191	187

Ballyfarnon, Co.Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2000 and thank you for your entry form with detailed map. It is good to see that you have good voluntary support and unfortunate that you were unable to secure a FAS Scheme this year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a great improvement in Ballyfarnon in recent times. The Furniture, Bedding and Carpet Shop, Ballyfarnon House, Conlons and Shivnans all look good. The approach from Keadue looks nice but the lay-by across from the Church needs re-surfacing and the barriers need to be painted. There is still some work to be done on the footpath on the Sligo Road and at the junction of the Boyle Road. The stone piers and gates on the town side of the gate lodge have great potential if cleaned up and the wall leading to the farmyard across the road needs to be re-built.

LANDSCAPING

There is a great effort being made with hanging baskets and flower boxes in the village and also in the school grounds. Perhaps something in the lay-by across from the Church would brighten up this area. There was a lot of soil and rubble dumped between the football pitch and the residential area that could be graded.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river and surrounding area looks good including the amenity area. One of the life belts was unusable and the other was overgrown. There was plenty of fish life evident in the river. A bird table would blend in nicely in this area. The tennis courts, nets and fence need attention.

LITTER CONTROL

The household bins were put out, collected and returned when emptied during adjudication. The street was also swept - a perfect example of how bin day should be - no litter or unsightly bins any where. However there was evidence of litter in the amenity area, plastic bags in the river and up at the GAA park. There were also some plastic bags and cardboard boxes in the field next to the Garda Station.

TIDINESS

There is still room for improvement here yet. The Tyre

Depot has improved but there is still some way to go yet. The building and garden beside the Church entrance need to be tidied up. The front door and windows of the house above Ballyfarnon House B&B need attention also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residents are making a big effort in maintaining their lawns, rockeries, flower beds etc. There are still quite a few that stand out for the wrong reasons. The new house behind the Coillte building should clean up this area. Try to get the abandoned car further up the road removed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is still some surfacing work on the footpaths to be completed. Also the footpath on Lower Main Street is broken up by heavy vehicle usage. Watch out for weeds along kerbs and boundary walls and clutter at the side of the houses.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The town looks well. Keep up the pressure to get path and road works completed. Well done.