

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFORAN**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>168</b>

## **Ballyforan, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to 2000 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry form and brief sketch map. As recommended by the last two year's adjudicators you should draw up a simple map showing on it what can be done over the next three years or so. This will give you goals to work on and will also help you focus on the immediate priorities. As the main road is a busy one traffic calming measures would help slow down the passing traffic. There is still no identification sign on approach road from Athlone / Dysart.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The rubble at Pairc Naomh Aodain has been removed and the roadside area is clear of weeds and litter. Some weed control is needed around inside of car park. Verges on opposite side need cutting. The national school looks good and well maintained. The Hook and Tackle and Heather Hill Garden Centre both are attractive and well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Around the school is nicely landscaped with trees and flowers. The trees along the Mountbellew Road and throughout the village continue to mature and there is a nice feature on the approach from Athlone near the Esso station.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

What a wonderful amenity and focal point the village green would make if it were available to the community. With seating and flower beds, a children's play area and as suggested last year, a fountain in the centre the area could look extremely well and set off the whole village.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is good with very little litter to be seen anywhere. Obviously the involvement of the school children is paying dividends.

### **TIDINESS**

The village area is very tidy but the grass verges on the approach roads need more cutting.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

These areas are mainly good considering the mix of houses.

Those on the main street could be made more attractive with some hanging baskets. Encouragement and awareness of this should be relayed to those involved.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Grass verges on approach roads not cut. Slip roads by church and garden centre are well maintained.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballyforan as a village has great potential, particularly if you get the village green problem sorted out. This should be top of the list in your three year plan and keep it there as a priority but do not neglect the other issues.