

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYDUFF UPPER**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	16
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>186</b>

## **Ballyduff Upper, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was disappointing not to receive your Development Plan. Perhaps you need some more time to consider the points raised in last year's report. The village was looking well at the time of adjudication – congratulations to the Committee, the local and official bodies involved, and to the residents. Thank you for your map, and your list pointing out what has been done in the past year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The most prominent building in the village – indeed in the entire neighbourhood – is the unique Garda station; additional work is needed to put it into proper order. The Library needs freshening up with paint. The large building opposite Marian Terrace is in need of attention – its rusty roof is very visible from the Tallow road; there were some signs that work will be done – if so, the result is looked forward to next year. The River Action Restaurant is very smart indeed – to complete the picture, the sides should be painted to match the gable. The Church in its pleasant grounds is well maintained. The School, with its lively mural in the playground, is also well kept. The Muintir na Tire Hall is particularly well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Planting alongside the Hall is attractive and eye-catching – more of this at other conspicuous places would help tremendously. Floral decorations here and there looked very charming indeed on the day of adjudication; the stone-bordered bed on the Fermoy road was awaiting planting.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Not a great deal seems to have been done under this heading, and the section has been left blank on the entry form. Ballyduff Upper is set in a truly beautiful sylvan and riverine landscape. As mentioned last year, there are a number of ways in which this environment could be sympathetically nurtured and improved.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

This was certainly as good as last year. Congratulations to the residents and the Council workers.

### **TIDINESS**

One business premises in the centre of the village needs attention. There was considerable kerbside weed at the road junction on the south side of the bridge, and weed growth on the approach to the school. A small structure to the south of the bridge badly needed re-whitewashing. These blemishes unfortunately have a greater general effect on the perception of the village than their comparatively small areas might suggest. Ongoing works at the co-op do not help, but of course the need for this is taken into consideration.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private homes in the main and adjoining streets are well looked after; the new houses under construction opposite the church are very promising, their design reflecting the style of the adjoining terrace. There are several houses with charming gardens on the outskirts; the stone house with red bargeboards near the Hall was particularly admired. The houses in Marian Terrace have well kept frontages.

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

Paving works were in progress – this is another project which is going well. The demolition of the road boundary at the co-op and its replacement with a fine stone wall will be an enormous improvement to this rather neglected quarter. Some excellent fencing was noted on the Fermoy Road. The approach to the magnificent bridge is somewhat dreary, with the cement-block walls: these could be replaced with stone, or plastered and painted, to good effect. The metal rails on the bridge could be improved by painting in a bright colour.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A beautifully situated village, where some very good work is in progress. Marking under some headings can not be increased until work is completed. It will take another year at least to see the fruits of what has obviously taken a lot of planning and persistence.