

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYCULLANE**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	211

Ballycullane, County Wexford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballycullane is a long village with a delightful degree of division between it and the surrounding, rural countryside. The rail bridge marking the start is well painted, white with brown tops. This two-colour treatment of walls and railings is repeated throughout the village to very good effect. There is an overall feeling of neatness and order, reflected in well-swept roads, pavements and in the presentation of communal grassed areas. The 1798 monument to Gunner Boland, is very well presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The large scale Wallace premises was pleasant and well painted. A more suitable storage location for some at least of the items stored in front is suggested. The off white walls of the school grounds, surmounted by light blue and the adjoining sports field walls, this time surmounted by a light green, are a most effective presentation. The post office was again an effective presentation. Well done on the restoration of the two historic houses in this area. Wall top planting has been most effective at some locations. The grounds of the Church were a delight. Powers Pub is freshly painted and the Garda Station was well set off by modest window boxes.

LANDSCAPING

The floral display at the school was very effective and enhanced the presentation of the pleasant random rubble wall. The new cemetery wall, although recently constructed is already unravelling at the lower gate post. The village pump was suitable painted and again adorned by flowers. The stand of shaped, circular trees beside the laneway leading to the railway is excellent. The general presentation of Saint Martin Park area was a delight, the verticals are painted white and the horizontal bars in brown. Wherever possible, ground planting is recommended rather than resorting to planters or tubs. Individual gardens are excellent both at the railway bridge and elsewhere.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The large-scale communal areas at Saint Martins Park provide ample opportunity for the development of a dedicated bird and wildlife habitat. Planting of suitable native, berry-bearing shrubs will quickly establish the necessary food chain which will attract additional birds life. These physical developments may need to be augmented by talks designed to increase awareness and appreciation

of birdlife.

LITTER CONTROL

As the marks indicate litter management is of an excellent standard throughout the village. Litterbins were in evidence at the post office, by the school grounds and in Saint Martins Park. Litterbins beside the seats on the main road at Saint Martins Park were well sited.

TIDINESS

The roadway at Saint Martins Park was very well swept and neat. The Recycle for life installation at the school was suitably sited and well used. One seat at Saint Martins Park on the frontage to the main road has sunk somewhat into the ground and needs attention. Some minor spoil was left upswept near the Church.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are excellent and Saint Martins Park generally was presented to a very high standard. We note and allowed for the current work in progress on new houses here. The number of newly painted houses, often featuring well-tended and colourful gardens, are a delight.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road signs generally were washed and free of surrounding foliage. Those on the New Ross road were excellent as was the village nameplate, set off with appropriate low level flowers. The road surfaces were not without blemish in some parts of the village. The suitably cut back hedges and verges are a delight. One 30mph sign at the cemetery car park area requires washing.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballycullane has set about its tidy towns activities in a structured and methodical manner. Well endowed by history you have strongly and imaginatively projected the centre as a modern village, mindful of its past and justly proud of its current success. All associated with this entry are applauded for their efforts and congratulated for their achievements.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/00)

Improvements in Ballycullane had clearly continued through the summer; flowers were even more abundant, the 'spoil' mentioned had been removed, and the anti-litter campaign kept up. There were, nonetheless, two unsightly entrances visible – and these could be tidied up with very little

difficulty. St Martin's must surely be one of the best kept estates in the country, so much so that it seems trifling to mention that some of the two-storey houses are not as spic-and-span as their neighbours. A thoroughly praiseworthy entry all round.