

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYNACALLY**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185	181

Ballynacally, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed application form, map and a note of targets set and reached in '99 and work to be completed by judging 2000. In your first year back in the Competition you certainly achieved much and we look forward to further progress in the years ahead.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Daly's Bar is very well maintained, as is the petrol station opposite – however, perhaps the plastic sign could be changed here to one more in keeping with the character of the village. On the approach from Killimer near the planted green area it was noted that that gates and wall of the premises opposite were rather poor and in need of attention. We noted the work in progress on the old National School and look forward to seeing this project completed in the future. There were good stone fences and walls throughout the village. The Post Office and V.Carrigg's premises are well maintained together with the Fergus Credit Union. Michael Griffin's pub needs to be painted and the window boxes put into use. The brown Eircom telephone box is in keeping with the village.

LANDSCAPING

There are a number of pleasant landscaped areas in the village which are well maintained. In fact, the grass was being cut in the central area with the pump feature and picnic tables near the old school on the day of adjudication. Perhaps the flower troughs near the old school could be planted with more colourful plants as they were rather drab. Other flower tubs were admired and trees are maturing nicely throughout. The Shrine area is well maintained. The creepers are starting to cover the walls into the sports ground and perhaps more could be planted to expedite the project. On the Ennis road the planting is good but a tree or two were in trouble and needed replacing.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The grassed areas and tree planting contribute in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter bins well placed throughout the village and well maintained except for the yellow bin near the sports ground which needed repainting. The village was virtually litter free on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The Village presented a tidy appearance throughout. It was good to see the pavements being swept on adjudication day. Community spirit is what Tidy Towns is all about. Kerbs and wall bases were weed free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses throughout the village and on approach roads are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort.

The private house next to Griffin's pub has undertaken considerable planting. A house opposite is for sale and hopefully will present a better appearance when purchased. The stone house on the Ennis road had just built a boundary wall and the area outside this wall was rather untidy – however, no doubt this will be cleared up when the work is finally completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There was good signage throughout the village and approach roads were well maintained. The effort to make signs bi-lingual was noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballynacally is a very pleasant village set on the Shannon estuary. A considerable amount of work has been undertaken to date, keep up the good work.