

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINADEE**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>200</b>

## **Ballinadee, COUNTY CORK**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks for your very clear map and simple but concise three year work programme. The adjudicator was pleased to note that you consider every year important in relation to ongoing maintenance and community involvement!

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most public and commercial premises of the town looked well on adjudication day. The Post Office looked fresh as did O'Driscoll's Pub with its attractive hanging baskets. Do encourage the removal projecting plastic beer signs and replace with ones of a more traditional timber variety. The Catholic Church will need to be painted up before next year's competition, in particular the down-pipe and gutter to the riverside of the building which looked quite flaky. The new school and grounds looked well, including the tunnel to the rear where flowers for village displays are grown.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The attractive grotto was brightly painted in white on the day. The riverbank amenity area with its picnic tables, mountain ash and seating area incorporating wildlife signage looked well. The pretty incidental landscaped space by the phone box looked most attractive as did that at the bend of the Bandon Road.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river estuary with its associated amenity area including hand painted bird life panel looked extremely well. The wild flower garden opposite had yet to come into its full glory on adjudication day.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control was very good on the day. However in a village of Ballinadee's size every piece of litter is all the more evident. Quite a lot was apparent on the road by the new school.

### **TIDINESS**

The village generally gives a neat and ordered appearance. However there are one or two problem areas. The derelict shed on the Bandon Road should be restored to its full glory and although the abandoned cottage in the village center had a freshly painted façade, its gable had not been painted. Unsightly yard areas such as that opposite the new school should be screened from public view and a pile of stones appeared to have been abandoned here. Do ensure that building materials are removed once construction work is complete. The door to the phone box should be replaced as it

is currently missing!

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of houses in the village center and along approach roads was generally very good on adjudication day. A garden filled with michaelmas daises, fuchsia and aubretia overhanging its garden wall by the riverside looked most attractive. An attractive and unusual two storey cottage on the Innishannon Road was greatly admired, as were the grounds of the Glebe House which were extremely well maintained.

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

The standard of this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent. Along the Bandon Road the weeds had been sprayed, but the dead weeds had yet to be removed and this looked quite unsightly. The speed limit sign appeared quite grimy with green algae growth. In terms of signage the village nameplate on the far side of the bridge has been bent and should be straightened out. The mature trees overhanging the stone boundary wall opposite the church were greatly admired on this approach . On the Innishannon Road, the verges had been roughly cut back, however the wild fuchsia, ferns and roses in the hedgerows looked extremely well. The road surface along this road was not in good condition. The limestone plaques identifying former residents of the village are a most attractive and interesting feature.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballinadee is a very attractive small village with evident pride in its appearance and its local historical figures. It looked extremely well on adjudication day and continues to progress steadily in the competition.