

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYCOTTON**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	15
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	18	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>186</b>

## **Ballycotton, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The efforts of the Ballycotton Development Company Ltd. continue to make a significant contribution to maintaining a good standard in this uniquely located village. It is noted that the community is concentrating on litter control at present and there are indications that this is having effect. It is also noted that the Development Company is coordinating its efforts with other relevant bodies and this is a sensible approach. Thank you for the additional data submitted with your Entry Form.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of buildings throughout the village continues to be good. The condition of the disused Cliff Palace premises has been considerably improved. The new school building looks well and the area around is very well maintained. The colour scheme of the new school building and the refurbished Garda Station make a change. While the standard of business premises through the village is quite good, many premises would benefit from a face-lift which would have the effect of "a brightening up" generally in the village. The centenary of the Star of the Sea Church, which is at present undergoing internal refurbishment, is noted and this should be a joyous occasion for the community. The Church of Ireland church outside the village is a lovely building and very well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard of landscaping throughout the village continues to be good. Where landscaping has been carried out, it is important that these areas be attended to on a regular basis. In Ballycotton flowerbeds etc. are well attended to and much colour is available as a result. The planting which has been carried out in the vicinity of the grotto is of a more permanent nature and this is to be welcomed; as a result of the planting here, this area of the village has been considerably enhanced.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This area has become closely identified with many species of bird life and this is evident from the number of information boards, which have been erected at various points including the approach road to the village. Apart from the informative point of view, there is an educational aspect to such a programme and the community and other bodies involved are to be commended for the provision of such information for the benefit of local people and visitors alike. The Cliff Walk is a valuable natural amenity in the vicinity and the Development Company is to be commended for ensuring that a regular maintenance programme for access to this amenity is kept in place.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

As already acknowledged the community has been monitoring the litter situation closely in recent times. Such an approach is essential in every community as the problem of litter poses to be a very persistent one. At the time of adjudication the village, cliff walk area etc. were almost entirely free of litter. The community should ensure that this approach is maintained for the future.

## **TIDINESS**

There was a good level of tidiness in the village generally. The area in the vicinity of the Ballycotton Pitch and Putt premises was very tidy as was the area near the premises of the Coast and Cliff Rescue. The area in the vicinity of the Cliff Walk, seating etc. was very tidy. The streets near business premises and also in the vicinity of public buildings such as the Post Office and Garda Station were also tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A new housing development, which is under way in the village is noted. A good effort is made in residential areas throughout the village. Houses are well presented and where gardens adjoin, they are colourful and well maintained. The residential area of Beach View Heights is pleasantly located and well maintained. Also the houses and gardens at Power's Terrace are nicely presented. A couple of thatched houses are retained in the village and these are well maintained and very attractive.

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

The footpath/kerb in that area of the village leading to the pier is in very bad repair and would need to be attended to. Also there was some grass and weed growth along the kerb here. The approach roads to the village were quite tidy. The road leading up to the Star of the Sea Church from the Garda Station was also quite tidy. The new signs in the area of the Cliff walk were noted. As has been acknowledged in previous reports, the use of white-wash in many walls throughout the village is simple but very effective.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Development Company and the community in Ballycotton have been keen participants in the Tidy Towns Competition over a number of years. This very pleasant seaside village has therefore maintained a very good standard for the local population and for visitors. It is hoped that the Development Company will get even greater support from the local population and from various relevant bodies in the future.