

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYDEHOB**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	229	223

Ballydehob, Co.Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator appreciates your problems in relation to the old school house and the old mill in the centre of the village. Good luck with future progress in regard to same. There is a good use of the Irish language within the village on shop fronts such as Creabhair, O'Duagáin and Seóda. Your three to five year plan reads well, do ensure that for next year's competition you indicate the timescale in relation to the implementation of your plans. The restoration of the walkways over the twelve arch bridge should be a wonderful asset to both villagers and visitors alike. The new street lighting, under-grounding of cables and encouragement of traditional shop fronts will all add greatly to the urban fabric of Ballydehob.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings of the town looked extremely fresh on adjudication day. Examples of same were O'Regan's, Levis's, Hudson's, McSweeney's and Annies. The old hall with the semi-circular gable on the road to the school should be painted up before next year's competition. The National School and boundary wall looked fine, sporting an attractive mural of the nearby twelve arch bridge. The Garda Station, boundary wall and grounds were all well maintained. The Catholic Church looked well – however its boundary wall should be painted up before next year's competition. The boundary wall of the Church of Ireland National School should also be painted before next year. The church and grounds of same looked as attractive as ever. The signage on the Overmantle and the adjacent building should be painted up before next year's competition, as they looked quite unfortunate.

LANDSCAPING

It was disappointing to note your problems in relation to tree planting due to the foot and mouth scare. Hopefully you will be able to implement these before next year's competition. The park and its playground looked extremely well. Perhaps you could replace the timber fencing on the school road with a stone wall or hedging of an indigenous variety such as beech or hawthorn. The new Danno Mahony Memorial Stature was greatly admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have made great strides in this regard. The renovation of the nesting boxes and duck shelters on the islands will be of marvellous benefit. The peaceful waterside area in this vicinity, adjacent to the twelve arch bridge, looked well. Daisies and fuchsia over hanging boundary walls along approach roads were greatly admired. The adjudicator was

pleased to note that you have commissioned a survey in relation to the wildlife in the vicinity of the estuary and the islands. The sample photograph of your signage in relation to wildlife in the locality looked most attractive.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was good. However minor outbreaks were all the more apparent due to the generally high standard throughout. Some litter was seen on the School Road and the road to the Church of Ireland.

TIDINESS

The village generally looked quite neat and ordered on adjudication day. However there were one or two problem areas of minor significance. Weeds were evident to kerbsides in a number of locations. And the green shed beside the golf range should be painted up in its traditional colours as it looked quite flaky on the day.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses within the village and along approach roads were generally well cared for on adjudication day. The terrace houses on the road up from the village to the church looked extremely well and had been freshly painted. Some attractive floral displays were evident to the yellow house on this road. The attractive stonewalling and planting to the estate opposite Lynwood B&B looked extremely good – it has a most attractive garden itself. The terrace of new houses were noted on the Schull Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent on the day. The Cork Road was generally well maintained with well cut verges. However, weeds were evident to the kerbsides in a number of locations. The Schull Road was fine, although slightly rough in its presentation further out of town. The road to the Church of Ireland was quite overgrown. In terms of signage, this appeared quite grubby at the Bantry Road junction of the Cork Road. Directional Road signs were also a problem on the Schull Road. The village nameplate on the road to the Church of Ireland was quite grubby and the speed limit sign in this location was virtually obscured by overgrowth.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballydehob is a most attractive vibrant village. It continues to make great progress in the competition.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)

The approach from Skibbereen is always enjoyed - the brightly painted buildings against the craggy backdrop. Again the standard of litter control was excellent. The completion of the new terraced housing is looked forward to. The roadside verges had been reasonably well tended. The estuary area

while looking well, with relatively little effort, could be enhanced considerably (eg, a trailer and heap of chippings should have been removed). Regrettably the litter barrel beside the recycling bins was overflowing on to the road. The public toilets at the community hall were reasonably hygienic. We wish you well with your future endeavours!