

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYHOOLY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	27
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	20
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	194

Ballyhooly, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballyhooly is lucky to have such a vibrant Committee and Community. Thank you for your map, which was very useful on the day of adjudication. As suggested in last years report the Committee should draw up a brief 3-5 page development plan. This could be done in point form clearly setting out your objectives and progress for each year. There are quite a considerable amount of marks awarded for this section, so it is an area worthy of due consideration.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and grounds look very well tended, as does the Graveyard, Church and Grotto. The Parish Hall is certainly benefiting from the attention it is receiving as it is being painted and the foreground cleaned. The broken windows should also be repaired. Public houses should be encouraged to remove plastic signs. The area around the entrance and the Castle itself looks very impressive, as does Ballyhooly Guesthouse. The Forge building and banding wheel would need to be enhanced by painting

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping on the Carrignavar/Glenville approach is very impressive as is the work in the area of the graveyard. The grounds of the school are worthy of special comment. The area at the foreground of the Castle gates is also very pleasant.

WILDLFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village is enviable due to its proximity to the river Blackwater which gives many possibilities. Given the natural beauty of the area, the Committee should look into this category more fully. It may provide a good project for one of the senior classes at the Primary School. Guidance is available in Action sheet 6 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' in the Tidy Towns Handbook.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation appeared to be very much under control on the day of adjudication. The adjudicator notes that the Committee have been involved in encouraging school children to be aware of the adverse effects of litter.

TIDINESS

There is an open area near the phone box, which appears overgrown. There was also some trace of weed growth on the concrete wall section at the start of the bridge and at the base of the bridge. The Committee should also enquire to see if recycling facilities could be available to the Village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard and maintenance of private housing is very high. This was apparent on all the approach roads and also at the beautiful stone terrace on the Fermoy approach, these householders are to be complimented on the level of floral decoration displayed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the Mallow approach the grass in the foreground of the Village sign needs to be cut. The traffic signs for the 'T' junction and school need improvement. The Kildorrey approach was nicely trimmed, the Village sign here would also need to be freshened up. The speed limit and stop signs on the Fermoy approach need attention. The main streets looked well. The orientation map erected by the Tidy Towns Committee near the Castle entrance is a very good idea, the Committee should keep an eye to the paint work as it may need repainting every few years.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a lovely Village in a beautiful setting. The area has made great strides in recent times, this momentum should be continued. A co-ordinated plan should be drawn up for the Village.