

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLICKEY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	25
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	182	183

Ballylickey, Co. Cork.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator is concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan was not submitted with the entry documentation. This is now a requirement of all entrants to the Competition.

Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you must prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition.

Do keep in mind that what is required is a simple Plan or document that your Committee should prepare themselves.

A new Tidy Towns Handbook was issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to all Tidy Towns Committees. This is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets that together cover all aspects of the Competition. It might be most useful for a committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook. No map of Ballylickey was included with your Application Form this year, and perhaps you would include one next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Work on Shave Pier is noted, and this is a most popular amenity area. As usual Eagle Point Caravan Park continues to set very high environmental standards, and the owners are to be congratulated on the excellent work that they have done for many years. The Ouvane Falls premises has a very attractive colour scheme .

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping in Ballylickey is generally mature and excellent landscaping was noted near the 40 MPH Speed Limit Signs on the Glengarriff approach. A little further along at the Supermarket good landscaping was again noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With so many mature trees Ballylickey has excellent potential for wildlife development. Do try and develop further amenities that will encourage wildlife to your area. The first step however

is to identify the species which inhabit any such areas. Wildlife can be encouraged by the planting of native berry producing trees and shrubs. The provision of bird and bat roosts and nesting sites in any old buildings might also be considered by your Committee. Make sure that any wildlife areas to which the public have access are properly signposted. In terms of access do remember the needs of people with disabilities. The development of these amenity walks and nature trails will add greatly to you area in the years ahead. Has your Committee considered the erection of some information plaques about the wildlife to be seen in the area?

LITTER CONTROL

In general litter control was quite good and occasional litter was noted in various locations.

TIDINESS

Near Snave Pier two sets of two rusty poles were noted that probably once supported a sign. Can these be removed or the sign replaced? Weedkiller has been used in various places but the dead weeds and grass have not been removed. This looks quite untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses are well maintained and many have highly landscaped gardens. Some have used natural rock as a landscape feature and this is visually very effective.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach road are very well presented and fine stone walls are a key feature of Ballylickey. Cut grass at verges must be removed immediately after cutting, otherwise it can look quite untidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballylickey is a very attractive area that has much further potential in the Tidy Towns Competition. Good luck with your plans for 2002.