

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLIFFIN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	183

Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballyliffin is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission including your plan which is well thought out. It is good to note you have access to professional expertise. Congratulations on your fund raising success. The village enjoys a picturesque location with its own beach and has much to offer everyone.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both hotels are nicely presented. The church could be improved in its appearance. Avoid façades like the crazy brick of the Atlantic Ballroom in future developments and keep up the effort to eliminate plastic neon signs. Well done on your repainting programme.

LANDSCAPING

The stone wall with in-built seating and flower displays out the Carndonagh road are most impressive. The seated amenity area with interpretative panel was admired also. The water pump at the road junction in the centre should be refurbished. Young trees in the car park of the Strand Hotel will mature to give a 'softening' effect here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is a pity that the proposed wildlife trail to the island is not feasible, however well done on the professional way the idea was developed and researched. There are lots of other opportunities to promote wildlife in Ballyliffin. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, or a local wildlife expert to develop his area. The beach was very clean.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good overall. There were some lapses, e.g. the car park for the beach where a bin was overfull and causing a problem (it was a windy day). There are very few litter bins in the village.

TIDINESS

The large car park opposite the Ballyliffin Hotel was nicely enclosed by a handsome stone wall to its roadside perimeter but was weedy and poorly surfaced inside. This gave an overall impression of untidiness, however the stone wall is a handsome feature and hopefully will be extended to incorporate its other stretch of perimeter.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Infill housing development looks well. Most houses and gardens on the 'Pollen Bay' road are excellent in presentation. Housing developments in other areas too

looked well, e.g. on the Carndonagh and Clonmany roads.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads and footpaths look well and the footpath to the beach offers safety here. Stone walls with in-built seating throughout was very much admired at a variety of locations. Approach roads are nicely presented and the scenic view from the Carndonagh road across fields and stretching to the beach is a visual treat.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyliffin is picturesque, clean and tidy with much to offer residents and visitors alike.