

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYGAR**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	176	171

Ballygar, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and welcome to this years Tidy Towns Competition. I note the Ballygar Work Plan 1999- 2002, and commend you on your achievements to date. You have reached many of your goals. Well Done.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings and streetscapes look well in general except for a couple of derelict buildings, and those which require painting especially in the Diamond area. Fleur de Lis house stand out for all the wrong reasons. The Garda Station and Bank of Ireland look especially well. The raised beds at the school are nice and the grass was being cut at the school on my visit, and children were playing handball in the school grounds, and there was little evidence of litter. However the same was not the case at Colaiste Mhuire where there was quite a lot of litter about. The Church and Graveyard are well kept and maintained. Church notice-board needs repair. The Old School House at the Square looked well, however the Car Park area adjacent to it and beside Niall Walsh Community Park need attention.

LANDSCAPING

The various flower beds and hanging baskets throughout the village add colour and enhance the overall visual impact. The Bank of Ireland deserves a special mention, with it beautiful rose beds and window boxes, which were being watered while I was on walk about.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Ballygar and its immediate surroundings have wonderful potential under this heading, as has been mentioned by previous adjudicators. Your proximity to the Woodlands and Suck Valley Way are amenities which need to be explored by both the local community and visitors alike. Ensure that the young people in the community are educated re there local environment, this perhaps could start in the schools.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall there was very little evidence of litter. However many of the litter bins were quite full. Continue to follow up Council on this matter.

TIDINESS

There is an overall impression of tidiness in the village with the exception of areas such as the Car Park and adjoining area at Niall Walsh Community Park.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas were mainly good, although in some

areas a little could make a big difference. Continue to encourage these areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads look well, recently cut and vertically litter free.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done, you have achieved many of the objectives as set out in your plan. Continue the good work.