

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAGARE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	--
The Built Environment	40	19	--
Landscaping	40	10	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	18	--
Tidiness	20	8	--
Residential Areas	30	14	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	--
General Impression	10	4	--
TOTAL MARK	300	117	--

Ballinagare, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to this years Tidy Towns Competition, and thank you for your completed entry form. I would concur with last years adjudicator in that a five year plan is required. It will help you to outline projects at set targets.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The National School is a credit to all involved, with lovely shrubs/flower beds and hanging baskets. Grass in ground requires cutting. The new footpaths here and along Drummin Road are a great improvement. The Graveyard Gates need painting and the grass in the graveyard requires cutting. The Trees inside wall are maturing nicely. The Church and the entrance to the Community Centre with new wall and sign look well. However there are still many buildings which stand out for all the wrong reasons, particularly the old Church and Hall, but I was happy to see that there was someone who started strimming at the Old Hall during my visit.

LANDSCAPING

The Castlerea approach road looks well with lower bed at sign and grass cut. There is an effort being made with flower boxes and beds and the new trees on the Main St. look well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

I didn't come across any areas especially marked in relation to wildlife, although there is much potential. It might first be useful to identify what is common to the area. This is a project the Schools could get involved in.

LITTER CONTROL

You appear to have made much progress in this area, I note the many new litter bins supplied under your awareness programme. Well Done. One is badly needed at the Community Centre where there is still a lot of litter evident.

TIDINESS

This is an area which needs improvement.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many residence are putting in an effort, however some still need encouragement. Harrigtons and the white house opposite both of which are up for sale look particularly well. The new housing development on the Castlerea road will look well when completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new road signs on the approach roads look well, but could do with being washed. This show the level of traffic splash and dust. You should look at traffic calming measures.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An effort is being made, but it is difficult for a committee of three to motivate a whole village. Try to get others on board, welcome them in helping you to draw up 5 year plan.