

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINLOUGH**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	17
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	11
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	16
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>141</b>

## **Ballinlough, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2001, and thank you for your entry form. Your village is under-going a lot of development at present, and as mentioned in previous reports it is essential that a 3/5 year plan is drawn up so that this development can come together in a co-ordinated way. I want to congratulate you on your commitment to Tidy Towns, at 94 years, and with no committee as such it is very difficult.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

This is an area which has greatly improved. The streetscape is looking well with the new White House Hotel, Mace, Connelly, Donnellan's, The Tap and many of the premises freshly painted. There is a derelict site which is being done up and this together with the new housing development should look well when completed and greatly enhance the village centre. Other housing developments are taking place on the Loughglynn Road, which again when complete should enhance this approach, at present there is a lot of unsightly builders materials and rubble. Some premises e.g. Forde Bros stand out for all the wrong reasons. The entrance to community Centre/GAA pitch with stone wall looks well but weed control is required in carpark area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The area around the old Church in the village centre is attractive, as is the grounds of the Church on approach road. Weeding is required in beds opposite in lay-by.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Lake O' Flynn is a natural site to develop as a wildlife / amenity area. I note your new picnic area here, and the trees along side are maturing nicely. I also notice of Game Sanctuary by Ballinlough Gun Club. A information board identifying the bird and aquatic life of this area is worth considering.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter free zone by the lake was litter free – well done. However there was some evidence of litter in other areas – Ballyhaunis approach road, shrubbery opposite church, and around some derelict buildings.

### **TIDINESS**

Due to housing development there is a lot of builder's material and rubble. There also a number of derelict buildings which stand out for all the wrong reasons.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the business premises on the main street from White house Hotel down have made a real effort, however there are a number of building which still need attention at "Seat" sign end. Many residents are making the effort, others need encouragement and awareness.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Grass verges on all the approach roads requires cutting. I have already mentioned builder material and rubble together with derelict buildings.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballinlough is a village which has much potential. Much development is taking place at present and that is why I recommend a co-ordinated approach, but things are coming on nicely to date. Keep up the good work.