

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFARNON**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	32	29
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>191</b>

## **Ballyfarnon, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Ballyfarnon is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed entry form and outline map of the village. It is important that an overall work plan for the village be drawn up, perhaps looking forward for the next three years. It would set out yearly goals and encourage further involvement by the wider community, and support the work of the committee.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The majority of buildings looked very well on adjudication day, well done. The area around the Courthouse also looked well. The flower displays at the houses and businesses throughout the village were very colourful and add a nice touch to the streetscape.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping at the Church, School and at private residences shows the commitment and effort by all the community. The flower boxes, flowerbeds and baskets in full colour add to the character of a village, a lot of effort has gone into providing and maintaining these by all concerned. The flower and shrub beds on the approach roads looked well and are a nice feature as you enter the village. The GAA pitch area as mentioned in your proposals certainly needs attention.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A river and its riverbank in any village is a fine natural amenity and Ballyfarnon is no different.

As recommended in previous reports perhaps a survey of the wildlife, fauna and other natural amenities of the area could be undertaken as a school project and future projects could then be implemented following its findings. The life belt at the bridge was in place and usable.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is good and hardly any evidence of litter was found on adjudication day. Litter bins are provided throughout the village and certainly appear to be serving their purpose.

### **TIDINESS**

Footpaths and approach roads look well, and in general most businesses are making an effort. The tyre property could do with freshening up however the garage next door looked okay. An odd property requires painting i.e. gable walls, boundary wall and gates.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of private residences are very well maintained and the use of flowers and plants is to be commended, however the odd residence requires attention. The new houses when completed will complete this section of road leading to the existing houses, hopefully the builders rubble will be quickly removed from outside the houses when completed. Most house owners are making the effort and their homes are well maintained, painted and with colourful flower displays.

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

Approach roads into Ballyfarnon were well presented and looked well, as was the main street in the village centre. Rear and side entrances need to be continually monitored, some additional screening should be provided where back areas are visible from the street. The storing of rubble/gravel in the open area on the Sligo road should be discouraged and at least screened off.

The mountain road and the repaired wall was noted, the open/parking area across the road from the Church is very disappointing and needs to be tackled.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A simple three year work plan should be drawn up, watch the weak areas especially the open areas. A village with many fine features, Ballyfarnon has the potential to do very well in the Competition. Keep up the good work.