

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYFORAN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	170

Ballyforan, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form, and welcome to this years Tidy Towns Competition. Again as previous adjudicators have recommended I would encourage you to draw up a work plan so that you can list immediate priorities. I note the new signs on the approach roads, which it appears the Co. Council have erected. The Co. Council were also very busy on the day of my visit, between the Post office and the Bridge. The area from the Paric Naomh Aodain to the Bridge will greatly enhance the approach when finished.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School and Church looked neat with grass cut. The Hook and Tackle and The Big Apple look well.

LANDSCAPING

The Area from the Heather Hill Garden Centre up by the houses which are adjacent to the Church is beautifully landscaped. There is also a nice bed near the Esso Station on the approach from Athlone. The Post Office and E.J. Donohoes have nice hanging baskets, and there is nice plating at the Grotto however the railings need painting, as those the Phone Box. The key area as noted in last years report was the Fair Green and every effort should be made to start work in this area this year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As mentioned The Fair Green if landscaped would be a wonderful amenity for the whole community. The River should be another key area which should become a focal point, with much wildflowers already growing in their natural environment. Provision of a bird table at the school, would be a help to get the children involved.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter, except around the shop areas. Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

The village area is generally tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A great effort is being made by some people, and I'm sure with encouragement others will follow suit.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on the approach roads was not cut. Back area of Hook and Tackle could do with a general tidy up.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyforan is a lovely village with much potential. The village green as mentioned previously should be top priority and do draw up a 3/5 year work plan. Also try to work in co-operation with the statutory bodies. Keep up the good work.