

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINAHINCH**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	173

Ballinahinch, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

With a population of only forty people it is very encouraging to see that you have a ten person Tidy Towns Committee. The documentation and map provided were very helpful on the day, especially the details of plans for this year and also into 2002. We note from these that your main objective for 2002 is the completion of an annexe to the Community Hall. All the work outlined in these plans is very worthwhile and achievable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings in the village are the Church, the School, the Public House – An Bonnan Bui – and the Community Hall. These are mostly well presented. However, the door to the residence adjacent to the Public House needed attention and the present Community Hall would benefit from more planting of trees, shrubs and creepers in order to disguise its rather stark appearance. The School with its playing areas and good window boxes put together by the pupils is impressive. The stone walls with seating opposite the Church are to be admired. In a village such as Ballinahinch the silver telephone box is rather out of place and perhaps Eircom could be persuaded to let you have a different model.

LANDSCAPING

The planting of trees, shrubs and hedging in the School grounds was noted and admired together with the established shrubbery beside the Community Hall. The trees already planted opposite the Church are maturing nicely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

All planted areas contribute in this category and we note your plans to develop a designated wildlife area at the School in 2002.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter in evidence on the day of adjudication; well done.

TIDINESS

The village was weedfree and tidy throughout except in the yard next to the public house. However, building was taking place here and no doubt the area will be tidied up on completion of same.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private housing was well presented on the day of adjudication.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

We note from your plan that you have approached the County Council regarding providing white lines on the road and also in the Carpark. The hedges on the approach roads are well maintained. However, the speed signs on the two approaches could have been cleaner.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is good to see a quite small village entering the Competition and endeavouring to ensure that their area reaches its full potential. We look forward to seeing further progress in the years ahead.