

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>227</b>

## **Ballinderry, North Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is evident from the progress on the ground that the ten person Ballinderry Tidy Towns Committee have been working hard during the year. The information received through your entry form confirms this and we note that you also have the assistance of a FAS scheme and a CES scheme employing 5 people. Thank you also for map which accompanied the entry form. We would suggest that a simple one page plan now be put in place listing the work you want to achieve in the future, how this may be undertaken and putting a time scale on each project. The village has a number of new residents and they should be encouraged to be part of this planning for the future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most premises viewed were well presented and contributing to the Tidy Towns effort including Hogans Pub, Lakeside Cottage, the Caravan and Camping Park and the Village Store. The Tavern Bar was well painted and the grounds neat and tidy except for a damaged garage door. Good stone walls lead into the village on the approach roads. Features such as seating and the pump feature are well maintained. Good stone walls enclose the entrance to the Motor Garage on the lake approach road. However, the grass inside these was very high and gave the forecourt an untidy appearance. As other premises are making such an effort in the village it would be good if the proprietor here would enter into the spirit of the competition and perhaps provide some planted area/s on his grounds to show solidarity with the rest of the village. The surrounds of the Post Office have improved but here weeds should be cleared April/May and the area sprayed to ensure a year round weed-free approach.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The riverside park area was looking very well. Cottage type roses and orange blossom were in flower, providing a lovely foreground to the river. All approach roads were very well maintained – green areas, hedges/banks, verges and tree planting. The landscaped car park opposite Hogan's Pub was a riot of colour making the area pleasant for those studying the informational display boards situated here. At the Tavern Inn there were plastic hanging baskets outside but, unfortunately, the flowers were dead in these. Also, the planted area at the Food Store was a little weedy. The planting opposite the Caravan and Camping Park is attractive and maturing nicely. The mature lime trees mentioned in last years report at the Village Store are impressive and, as mentioned, the Committee should plan to leave a similar type legacy to those coming after. On the Ballingarry approach, the grass at the Eircom Depot was neatly cut.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No projects were listed under this category in the entry form. However, the riverside area and planting undertaken throughout the village contribute. On the Ballingarry approach road the hedge had been left in a more natural stage and here honeysuckle and wild roses lined the road.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Good litter bins are well placed around the village (including next to the Telephone Box) and there was no evidence of litter on the day of adjudication. This situation just doesn't happen by itself and the Committee and residents of Ballinderry are to be congratulated on their efforts in this regard.

## **TIDINESS**

The village was very neat and tidy throughout except for the areas mentioned above. All kerbs were weed-free and road verges maintained to a high standard.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses in and around the village are making a positive contribution to the Tidy Towns competition. A number of new houses are in the course of being built and, no doubt, will be encouraged to join in your efforts in the future. It would be important that the set-backs of the front gardens for the new developments are maintained.

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

Signage was very well presented in all areas except for the Yield sign coming up the lake approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There has been much achieved in Ballinderry and the old black spots – over which the Committee have no control - are slowly improving. Your attention to detail this year has been impressive, making sure that what has been put in place is maintained to a high standard. Motivation is now needed to encourage everyone to make an extra push in order to progress further in the Competition.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/01)**

Ballinderry looked particularly well on our second visit. The picnic site at the Village Store is a welcome development. The curtilage area of the garage was neatly presented although some long grass was also in evidence. No doubt the dated beer signs on Hogans and The Tavern will be reflected in time with more elegant signs. Some flower containers should not have been out as their contents were dead/dying. Approach roads and entrances to the village are presented to an excellent standard and the red berries of the Rowan/Mountain Ash added a valuable splash of colour as well as being of value to wildlife. The riverside

amenity development looks well as does street furniture.