

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINGARRY-TIPPERARY NORTH**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>208</b>

## **Ballingarry, Tipperary North**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The plans put in place over the years have ensured that Ballingarry is now a very pleasant place to visit. The three year work programme and map provided demonstrate a continuing commitment to the tidy towns concept and should ensure that Ballingarry progresses further in the Competition. Much has been put in place throughout the village and your strategy in the years ahead to consolidate and build on these achievements, whilst ensuring the projects already in place are maintained to the highest standard, is very sensible and should bring you the required results.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Whilst ninety per cent of the built environment in the village is now of a high standard, this means that the blackspots such as the large derelict building in the centre of the village stand out more. In fact, this building appears to be deteriorating further and action should be taken as soon as possible. You will see from page 28 of the Tidy Towns Handbook that the Derelict Sites Act 1990 "obliges every owner of a derelict site, including a statutory body, to take all reasonable steps to ensure that land and property in their ownership does not become or continue to be a derelict site". On the positive side, Noonans, the TOP Service Station, and the Glue Pot were all well presented and neat and tidy. The Garda Station makes a good contribution with its lovely bed of multicoloured pansies in the forefront. However, the doors here needed restaining. The Community Hall is neat and tidy but, as mentioned in previous reports, needs some planting in order to soften its appearance. It was noted that the shop in the centre of the village is now closed. The maintenance of the stone walls throughout the village is exceptional.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The very well developed picnic area with its tables, litter bins and good informational display maps is a credit to the village. Might we suggest that a tap in this area would be a worthwhile addition and assist people to further freshen up on their journey. The green, planted areas on all the approaches are also very impressive and very well kept. The mature beech trees on the Carrigahorig road were planted in years gone by with the future in mind. The work undertaken by you now in regard to tree planting will also be a legacy for the next generation. The flowerbed in front of the deteriorating derelict building was admired and does, to some small extent, mask the awfulness of this premises.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The planted areas throughout the village contribute. However, it would be worth undertaking a specific project in this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was practically no litter seen on the day and litter bins were noted in strategic positions.

### **TIDINESS**

All areas of the village were mostly looking neat and tidy with kerbsides weedfree. However, there was some flyposting on poles on approaches to Ballingarry which gives a rather untidy appearance and this should be discouraged.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses in the village and on the approach roads were contributing to the tidy towns effort.

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

Road margins were quite rough in a number of areas and needed attention. Signage was good throughout but in some instances could have been cleaner.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballingarry has consistently improved over the years through the perseverance and hard work of the Tidy Towns Committee. A final push is now needed to address the remaining items, which are holding you back from progressing further in the Competition.