

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>211</b>

## **Ballycahill, Tipperary North**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The small Committee in Ballycahill obviously work hard to ensure that the village is well presented. As stated in last year's report a plan for the village is now essential and should be included with next year's entry. However, the map provided was very helpful showing where your work over the year had taken place.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

At present there are some significant changes taking place in Ballycahill. In a village this size, an extended public house and new Community Centre will quite considerably alter the infrastructure at present in place. However, progress is inevitable and to be welcomed, provided that what is put in place is in keeping with the village. No doubt you will be encouraging all those involved, including the new owners of the old Community Hall, to work to this end. Other buildings such as the Church, the School and the thatched shop were well presented. Also the two telephone boxes.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The work previously undertaken in this regard gives a very pleasant aspect to the village. The planting of oak and ash during the year was noted and also a Sorbus Commixta opposite the Church. This is a berried tree which should encourage bird life in the area. However, there was grass growing on the verges of the patio areas. These areas should be cleaned and sprayed earlier in the year. Some weeding was also needed at the Grotto. The new fencing at the Grove was noted. The planted green area in the centre of the village was immaculate. At the old Community Centre grass cutting was in progress and the maturing shrub planting was admired. On the Thurles Road the maturing trees create a very pleasant approach. Additional beneficial action undertaken by the Committee such as providing Landscape Lectures was noted.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Mention has been made above of the planting of a berried tree and the patch of wild flowers set on the green was noted. All planting and green areas contribute in this regard and there are many sites beneficial to wildlife in the village.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In the centre of the Ballycahill there was no evidence of litter but on the Thurles and Holycross approaches there was a sprinkling of same. Your litter awareness campaign though a poster competition in the School is to be commended.

## **TIDINESS**

Ballycahill mostly presented a tidy appearance but with building and pipe laying taking place it is difficult to show the village at its optimum – marks would not be deducted because of this. Most bases of walls were clear of weeds but there was evidence of same on the road to The Ragg and on the Thurles road except outside the graveyard. The areas outside private houses were neat and tidy and well presented.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All the private houses in the village make a significant contribution to the tidy towns effort.

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

As mentioned above, there was pipe laying taking place during the adjudication and this naturally affected the Holycross road where the work was taking place. At the cross roads near the thatched shop there is a very rough patch of road which should receive attention. The sign for Ballycahill was well presented on this road but was buried in the hedgerow on the Ragg road. There appeared to be no sign on the Newport approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballycahill is an exceptionally pleasant village and with some more attention to detail and good maintenance of what is in place at present it should do well in the Competition in the future.