

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLIFFIN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	199

Ballyliffin, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

What a pity not to have had your five year development plan in time for this year's adjudication. I am sure that it will gain you extra marks next year. Nevertheless, your summarised report is ambitious, creative and very exciting. You appear to have an holistic approach to the future development of your town and are to be commended for that. There appears to be plenty of effort and enthusiasm coming from the committee. You have clearly identified areas for improvement and listed others that require further investigation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballyliffin Hotel is nicely presented but, strangely, is not signposted on the approach road from Clonmany. There are some fine new houses, nearing completion, on left hand side just after the Post office. As with many towns in rural Ireland Ballyliffin would benefit enormously were the unsightly overhead cables to be relocated in ducts underground and the subsequent removal of the telegraph poles. It is to be hoped that the Atlantic Ballroom will be included in your plans for 'Colouring Ballyliffin'. The two petrol pumps beside this would benefit from renewal and the general area resurfaced. Other houses, that were under construction, looked attractive.

LANDSCAPING

The stone wall building is coming along well and is really starting to enhance the village. The seating provision is also to be admired around the information panel.

Car park to the Stand Hotel is very well laid out with a fine brick wall with bedding plants located within a twin stone wall. The car park requires resurfacing. The seating and play area surrounding the beach car park is, unfortunately, overgrown.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The beach appeared very clean on adjudication day and it was good to note the prominence of the sign stating that the sea is unsafe for bathing. We look forward to the development of a footpath trail and further projects under this category.

LITTER CONTROL

There was quite a lot of litter within Ballyliffin Hotel car park despite the provision of two good bins. Generally Ballyliffin was free of litter on adjudication day. Your plan to introduce recycling bins is to be praised.

TIDINESS

Many gardens were maintained in an excellent condition which many more could aspire to. Your plans for street furniture that will specifically complement your town is an excellent idea.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new development of Aughtam Heights utilizes natural materials in its built fabric as well as its fencing. House immediately after this, on right hand side approaching village from Clonmany, is rather unkempt with an overgrown garden. Generally the houses are very tidy and the gardens well kept. Houses on beach road are very well maintained with fine gardens and excellent stone walls.

The house opposite the Strand Hotel had beautiful white lilies growing in its garden.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It would be most beneficial to have a map that will identify the locations and roads for your public art project 'Translations: 3 Acts in 127 Signs' . Have you considered the threat of traffic congestion as a result of cars stopping at the signs? Car park opposite the Ballyliffin Hotel is overgrown with weeds. Approach roads are in good condition. Road down to the beach is a little bumpy but footpath provision is excellent. There was a lot of surface water in the beach car park which needs to be tackled. The road out to the Golf Club was also admired for its stone walls, trees and shrubs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyliffin has fantastic potential which, given the obvious enthusiasm of your summary report, should be realized before too long.