

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYFERMOT**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	14	13
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>163</b>

## **Ballyfermot, County Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form this year – it was very comprehensive and is good to see the community continued involvement in this competition. Many of the developments, which have taken place in the area, are very welcome. The committee have a good relationship with a number of agencies to ensure the continued development of Ballyfermot.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

A number of projects have been undertaken to improve the overall environment of Ballyfermot. These should be commended. The introduction of the bilingual name stone on the main Ballyfermot roundabout is very welcome. The road works in this area make for a little untidiness. However, once all the maintenance has been completed, it will be welcome. The new pathways, roads and bike lock ups outside the main shopping area on the Ballyfermot road enhances this area. The tree surrounds in this area once completed will also be very pleasant. Some weeding is required at the base of these. Some of the shopfronts in this area are well maintained. However, some are in need of some maintenance. The freshening up of Bank of Ireland on the main streetscape is welcome. Sean Dunne swimming pool, Tim Young's Pub, Fitzgeralds Bar and the County Bar all looked well. The new pathway on Decies Road is a welcome addition to this area, as is the Equine centre. However, the area around this is in need of some maintenance.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Once again the introduction and maintenance of many landscaped areas in Ballyfermot should be commended. The Peace Garden at St Matthews church is well maintained, as is the entrance area to the church and the landscaped area in Cannon Troy Court. Drumfinn Park and Spiddal Park should once again be commended for their upkeep and landscaping in these areas. Both parks are developing well. Aisling Centre garden is pleasant, though litter was visible on the day of adjudication. Some information on this centre would be beneficial. The tree planting and development of Californian Hills will be very pleasant once complete.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATUARL AMENITIES**

Ballyfermot has a number of parks areas which are well maintained. The additional tree planting in these areas is very welcome. The continuation of the Environment week and the involvement of the local children is a great way of increasing awareness in the area. The introduction of the

Green Bin campaign is also an excellent initiative.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter is a continuous problem in Ballyfermot. Along the main streetscape litter was evident in a number of areas. The introduction of more litterbins along this area may help alleviate this problem. Other areas where litter is a problem are at railings near the equine centre and in some residential estates. The involvement of the local schools in campaigning against litter will increase awareness and encourage people to be more vigilant.

### **TIDINESS**

The introduction of the Ballyfermot Gardening Club is a welcome addition to the overall tidiness of the area. Graffiti in some areas continues to be a problem. The entrance to Markievicz Park has suffered from some graffiti. The railings in some of these areas also need to be repaired. Some graffiti was also evident along the main streetscape and on Decies Road. Kerb and tree base maintenance also needs attention to ensure the overall tidiness of the area.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some of the residential areas in Ballyfermot are well maintained, with a good mixture of traditional and newer housing. Blackthorn Road is a nicely maintained residential area as are Raheen Park and Drumfinn Road. The redevelopment of the Claddagh Green area will be welcome, as will the proposed development at Cherry Orchard and near the town centre. Some residential areas are in need of some attention as litter, kerb and tree maintenance is required.

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

The approach roads into Ballyfermot are generally in good condition and well signposted. The addition of the sign at the main roundabout is welcome. The approach road from Palmerstown is attractive, however some of the grass areas at the side of the road are in need of maintenance.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The committee should be commended for their involvement and development of this area. Continued development is encouraged, as is the continued involvement of the local community and residents. Keep up the good work.