

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLITORE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	18	20
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	193	190

BALLITORE, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Ballitore is obviously steeped in history and has huge potential for to do extremely well in this national competition. Without doubt the derelict buildings are a detraction from the village but for now it is important to concentrate on things that can be done. Ballitore was a pleasure to adjudicate.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many buildings are presented to a high standard. As you have pointed out derelict buildings are a problem. O'Connors was well presented as was the Post Office. The Shaker Store was presented to a very high standard. The chemist building up as far as Kelly's was in need of attention. Under this heading concentrate on what you can do. The ruins beside the Quaker School are a lovely feature but on the day of adjudication were very much in need of weeding. The Glanbia property was presented to a high standard and Mary Leadbeater House was admired.

LANDSCAPING

Containers with plants and shrubs were noted and commended. Maturing trees were admired. Your application does not indicate any plans under this heading for the future. Perhaps you could submit a simple plan outlining your aims and objectives. The stone containers at the Shaker Store gates were particularly admired. Across from the Quaker School was a lovely landscaped area but again in need of tidying.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your application does not mention any plans under this heading either. The village has much potential and its proximity to the River Greese could be utilised. The seating area here is lovely – have you any plans for here?

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication litter was a problem in the village. Outside the Post Office and Chemist the problem was serious and across the road from the Health Centre. At the entrance to the river there was also lots of litter.

TIDINESS

There is very much a mixture of tidy and untidy in Ballitore. Continue to put pressure on your politicians and local authority to have derelict buildings removed. Also weeds in the village are a huge detraction so in the meantime this could be something to concentrate on. Removal of weeds would

greatly improve the general impression of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many residents were presented very well – a front garden across from O'Connor's Pub was commended. Some road fronts are in need of cleaning and/or painting. The houses on the road to Glanbia were mostly well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roadsides are well maintained and free from weeds. Street furniture is admired. On the corner of the Ballitore/Carlow road where a park area was developed, seating and landscaping was admired. Unfortunately this area was in need of immediate attention. Approach roads needed some maintenance work also. Welcome signs were in need of cleaning – some were not visible with high grass.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Ballitore is very favourable. The village has much potential and its rich heritage can be treasured by both residents and visitors. Concentrate on areas and headings under which you can make progress. Well done on this year's presentation and good luck in future years.