

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYMORE EUSTACE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	26	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	219	214

BALLYMORE EUSTACE, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition & thank you for your application. It is appreciated that with only three people on your committee it must be very difficult to get everything done – is there a possibility of encouraging more people to become involved? It is necessary for you to consider what your plans are for the future and forward these with your application. It doesn't have to be a complicated document – just a summary of your activities and future plans. Keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is very much a mix of old and new in Ballymore Eustace. The Thatch, Paddy Murphy's, The Anvil and the Ballymore Inn were all exceptionally well presented. The feature square is beautiful and well maintained. St John's Church was well presented but the boundary wall was in serious need of weeding. The Quick Stop Shop looked very well. Mixed throughout were some derelict premises e.g. the old barber shop beside the pharmacy. Stonewalls are a lovely feature in the village. The School looked extremely well, as did the Community Centre except for the serious amount of weeds. The boundary wall at the Church across from Centra needed painting.

LANDSCAPING

Hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs were noted in abundance. All were beautifully presented and added interest and colour to the village. The landscaping was admired at the Kilcullen/Naas junction, down from the school, and flowers were admired out the Naas Rd. The shrubs looked well at Bishops Hill Road. The boxes along by Fred's Fashions were particularly admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Being a rural area with many mature trees and hedgerows there is no doubt much wildlife. The River Walk would be an excellent amenity and a great way to educate people of the local wildlife. Good luck with this project.

LITTER CONTROL

Your litter control has obviously improved since last year. Well done on your bins sponsored by the people of Ballymore Eustace. Small amounts of litter were noted on Barracks St. Please inform us of your activities regarding litter control, e.g. give more details on your poster competition etc.

TIDINESS

The general tidiness is good here in Ballymore Eustace, but attention is needed where weeds are concerned. The bridge at the Liffey needs grass removed from its top and derelict houses or premises need to be boarded and painted accordingly. Some signs are in need of cleaning or repair.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residences were very well presented. Hillcrest Estate was well maintained and the entrance road was much admired. The house across from the Ballymore Inn needed attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As you have pointed out some roads are in real need of re-surfacing especially Pudden Lane. Many roadside areas and paths are in serious need of attention – these must be dangerous for older people walking – e.g. Barrack St. Continue to put pressure on Kildare County Council to take on this task.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Ballymore Eustace is that of a lovely rural village enjoying a beautiful location. It appears to be a well cared for village and was a pleasure to adjudicate.