

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAMUCK**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	23
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	9
Litter Control	40	25	23
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>163</b>

# **Ballinamuck, County Longford**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This is an admirable community effort and it is an inspiration to see how much voluntary work is done annually. On your map, please mark all sites and locations which should be looked at – for example, the Garden of Remembrance is not shown. It is unlikely that we would miss anything, but one wants to be certain.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The principal buildings are very well looked after, especially the Church and the old constabulary barracks now the splendid Heritage Centre where the first class stonework is so well preserved. The statue of the pikeman by one of the Farrells (it would be interesting to know which) is the centrepiece of the village and is maintained in superb condition, with newly painted railings. The Pikeman Inn and the Post Office are well presented.

## **LANDSCAPING**

The Garden of Remembrance is a pleasing and moving feature, but there was considerable weed growth on the central path. Annuals recently planted at the statue will certainly enhance this area over the summer. Planting at the car park was thriving. Perhaps the best example of new planting is at the Essert sign.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Young roadside trees were doing well, but may need more support before long. A suggested school project, to interest and involve the new generation, might be a competition for the identification of all the animals and birds seen in the neighbourhood, and also the trees and plants.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter on adjudication day – congratulations.

## **TIDINESS**

Much grass had been left after roadside mowing – this should be lifted immediately. The post-and-wire fence on the right and a broken flower trough as you arrive in Ballinamuck from the north gives a poor impression.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private homes are well looked after, but there was a surprising amount of kerbside

weed growing in front of some – it would only take each resident a few minutes every month to deal with this. The blue and white houses in the village centre were particularly admired, and a new stone-clad house on the Drumlish Road outside the village is a nice introduction.

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

The road is reasonably well surfaced. The new lamp standards are splendid – ; can you prevail upon the County Council to complete the job by replacing the last lamp? Stone walls were admired as was the strong wooden fencing on the left as you arrive from the north.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A village famous for its history is maintained in appropriate style by the local residents.