

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYCASTLE**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Ballycastle, Co. Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your documentation has proved useful, especially the detailed sketch map of the town. Once again, the committee has shown great dedication to this competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The two churches in the town are making pleasing statements in the centre of the town. The Resource Centre holds on to the eye-catching window boxes and tubs and the building itself remains in a mint condition. Mary's Cottage Kitchen is an outstanding example of a natural stone façade. Siopa Suifinn's shop front has changed its look to a more traditional design. The mass-produced sign has been removed and replaced by a superbly hand painted metal sign showing a different motive on each side. Barrett's, O' Connor's and Mc Andrew's still need attention. The pub front of Katie Mac's is smart and cheerful.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The flowerbeds on the Killala Road are eye-catchers while entering Ballycastle. The stone arch at the corner Main/Dominick Street (Shambles) with its high quality seating furniture invites for a rest but one should still not look beyond. Plenty of flower baskets and boxes enrich the attractiveness of the town. Approaching Ballycastle from the Belderrig direction, one will find a very nicely laid out picnic area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Tree planting has been successful. As mentioned in the previous year, a competition for identifying flowers and plants etc. would create awareness among the young.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

As in the previous year your litter scheme is very effective including the involvement of schools and a beach clean up. Congratulation on the provision of addition litterbins, which are very obvious whilst driving through your town. Nevertheless, a small outbreak of litter was noted behind the parish hall beside the bottle bank on the day of adjudication.

### **TIDINESS**

On the day of this year's adjudication, there was no weed seen on the avenue leading to the tourist houses (self-catering houses). Unfortunately, the broken lamp has not yet been replaced.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses are very well kept. However, it should not take much time for residents in Seaview Place Estate to remove weeds from the kerb in front of their homes. Two picturesque examples of cheerfully kept old town cottages are the premises next to Mary's Cottage Kitchen with well trimmed hedges and splendid flower arrangements in their front gardens.

## **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

The entire town is exceptionally well surfaced and paving and parking areas are neat. The numerous street furniture rounds up the town's impressive ambience.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballycastle is a remarkable town of distinction, which offers a lot to its visitors.