

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAGARE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	17
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	10	10
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	19	18
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	4	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>117</b>

## **Ballinagare , County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form together with the sketch of your village and report on your working plan, it was very helpful on adjudication day. It is good to see that you are working closely with the local authority. It would appear that you have a small committee, try to get more of the community involved. Perhaps break it into sub groups giving them responsibility for the individual projects that you have planned as part of your five year plan.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church and surrounding area is presented to a good standard. The individual premises are well maintained. The new footpaths are an added improvement. The stone wall leading down to the community centre is lovely and the signage here is very impressive

### **LANDSCAPING**

The hanging baskets are very colourful. The water pump should be painted. The area by the telephone kiosk is nicely presented. I know that you have plans to do more under this heading and I appreciate that you have to fundraise in order to undertake this work, but well done so far.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I am delighted to note from your application that you plan to involve the school children in this category. This could be a very exciting project for them. I would suggest that you erect a story board identifying the wildlife and habitat that is to be found in the village and surrounding areas. I hope that you can get started on this very soon.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You have good control over litter and there are plenty of litter bins throughout. Again it is good to involve the children here. Nice to see that you have a litter alert residents group. It is obvious that it is paying off.

### **TIDINESS**

The village is presented to a good tidy standard. The grass verges and kerbsides are well maintained.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A good effort being made by most of the private house owners. It is good to see that everybody takes pride in their homes. Some lovely gardens and houses both on the approach roads and in the village. However, there are

some houses on the approach road from Frenchpark that could do with a fresh coat of paint, particularly the boundary walls; one house in particular has a very overgrown garden. It is important that everybody looks after their own patch.

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

The approach roads are all well maintained and again the Roscommon County Council are to be commended for this. I really like all of the uniformed welcome signs that are in evidence throughout the county.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There is a good community effort in Ballinagare. Good luck with your plans for the future and I am sure that over the coming years when all of your plans have been implemented we will see a wonderful improvement, but it is important to involve all of the community – don't leave it to just a few people.