

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYFARNON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	16	17
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	206	201

BALLYFARNON, CO ROSCOMMON

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry to the 2002 Tidy Towns competition. You appear to have had a difficult year in terms of receiving co-operation. Perhaps a written three-year plan submitted to the Local Authority seeking their support might commence interaction. It would also be very helpful to see along with perhaps photographs of the committee at work (such as the erection of the "no dumping" signage) to bring home to the adjudicator how much voluntary effort is involved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The vast majority of buildings looked very well on the day of adjudication including the Church. Frank Healy's Tyre Centre is in need of improvement and the area past Healy's on the left hand side also needs attention. There were weeds in evidence outside the walls of the school and the wall itself is in need of redecoration. What a pity the committee were not allowed to paint the gates and/or clean up the pillars carrying the Lion & Unicorn emblems – it is a real feature as one approaches the town. Weeds were also in evidence at the base of the local Garda station. Overall, the streetscape was of a very high standard with many people in Ballyfarnon going to a lot of effort to show the area at its best. Well done.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping around the base of the welcome signs to Ballyfarnon looked very well as did the trees and shrubbery planted in the car park opposite the church. A lot of work went into having all hedges trimmed around the locality and keeping the grass verges in the area neat and tidy. This work has paid off in that the village looks lush, green but neat and tidy. The trees planted near the sculpture beside Shivnans are coming along nicely and the array of bedding plants looked colourful and well tended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The conservation of local wildlife and enhancement of the natural amenities of the locality are a key objective of the Tidy Towns competition. The amenity to be opened up along the river looks well so far and will continue no doubt to be treated in a sensitive manner so as not to disturb local habitats etc. The committee are to be commended for having the riverbed cleaned at their own expense.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control continues to be good in Ballyfarnon with the bins being emptied weekly by members of the committee.

The area around the Rehab bins looked litter free and the bins themselves are of a better quality type and look well.

TIDINESS

Most business premises and private property are making a real effort to maintain a tidy village. Healy's Tyre Centre looks untidy and detracts from the overall impression of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residences looked well with pride of place being evident. When houses are fully finished more will be done with some of the residential areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads from all sides were well presented with good signage, neat grass verges and quality of roadway good in the main. It is noted that the committee would like to see some new footpaths and some old ones repaired. The needs of the less mobile should be taken into account with regard to pavements being dished at main crossing points etc.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression was good. Ballyfarnon gives the air of an interesting village with good natural amenities where people have pride of place and take care of their environment and surroundings including local artwork. Keep up the good work.