

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYFORAN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173	172

Ballyforan, Co. Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form, and welcome to this year's Tidy Towns Competition. I concur with the previous adjudicators and encourage you to draw up a work plan. Set out some realistic objectives that you can work to. I note that the village green area is in private ownership, you can only continue to encourage the owner to come on board, even to agree to cut the grass would be a start.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The area from the Pairc Naomh Aodain to the Bridge is now complete, with new wall, footpath and street lighting; ensure you include this area in your overall plan. The School and Church looked neat, School gates need painting. The Hook and Tackle appears to be closed – the window boxes need to be removed. This is a large building in a prime location in your village and therefore its upkeep greatly impacts upon the visual impact of the village. O'Donoughues beside Hook and Tackle also need attention and the Eircom box also requires painting. The Esso Garage on the Athlone Rd., approach is particularly neat and tidy,.

LANDSCAPING

The flower bed on the Athlone Rd. approach adjacent to the Esso Garage is particularly nice as is the area up from the Heather Hill Garden Centre to residential areas. With the Tuam Rd., approach now complete, look at maintaining the grass and planting some trees.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Suck is a wonderful natural amenity and should be a key area for developing a wildlife project. There are already many wildflowers growing here in their natural environment. These should be identified along with wildlife, and birds native to the area and look at the possibility of erecting a sign detailing these. Talk to the teachers at the school and look at the possibility of getting the children involved in green school programme.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter. Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

The Hook and Tackle has already been mentioned. Opposite I see a lovely sign to Claremount House but wonder if access is possible – quite overgrown. Talk to village green owner re having grass cut.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many are putting in a great effort, still some room for improvement.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Tuam Rd., approach now completed, looks well. Be sure to include its maintenance in your work plan. Be mindful of weed control along kerbs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballyforan located on the River Suck is a lovely village with much potential. You are a small hard-working committee, keep up the good work.