

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINDERRY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	233	232

Ballinderry, Tipperary (NR)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

From your entry form we note that there are six, obviously hard working, members on your Committee. It was also noted that the village participated in the County Council Clean-Up week and that a Community Employment Scheme is presently in operation in the village which is commendable. However, we are not aware of your plans for the future as a three year plan (now a requirement of the competition) was not enclosed with your entry. You lost a mark in this category last year and therefore you should draw up a simple plan for submission next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most premises looked well on the day of adjudication. Hogan's Pub and the adjacent car park were well presented. A small marquee type structure was situated in the grounds here, perhaps as a temporary measure. If it is a more permanent arrangement, it rather takes from the traditional type public house building. Also, a galvanised gate adjacent would look better if it were painted. At the Tavern, the yellow garage door also needed repainting. Many well maintained stone walls were noted throughout the village.

LANDSCAPING

As usual, the riverside picnic area was very well maintained, providing a peaceful and pleasant place for people to relax. Tree planting around the village, both the new trees and the ones previously planted, were looking well. We would suggest that plastic containers should not be used for hanging baskets. Some baskets were missing on poles provided for same. As the weather was very inclement coming up to adjudication, consideration was taken of this in regard to landscaping. The picnic area next to the village store is a good amenity which hopefully the new owners will retain.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We note that you do not list any initiatives. However, the planting undertaken contributes in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was virtually litter free on the day of adjudication and litter bins were strategically placed.

TIDINESS

Ballinderry was mostly neat and tidy on the day of adjudication. However, it was noted that the Motor Garage business is now overflowing on to the roadside and that the

grass inside the stone walls here had not been cut. Also, the Tavern Inn had not removed or replaced the poor sign on the Ballingarry road. The pathway into the Post Office, presumably used by many visitors to Ballinderry, was weedy and unkempt. A clearing of weeds and spraying in May would eliminate this problem for up to a year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in and around Ballinderry contribute in a positive manner to the Tidy Towns effort and it was noted that good entrances have been constructed into the newly built houses in the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The signage throughout Ballinderry was in exceptionally good condition and an example to others, except for the Yield sign on the road to the lake mentioned in last year's report, which now has rusty holes in it. All approach roads were very well maintained. There is a small rough area on the road from Coolbawn where work has taken place. No doubt this will be finished off satisfactorily.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is obviously a great pride of place in Ballinderry and the Committee continue to work tirelessly to enhance the village and surrounds. However, the same comments about some items needing attention are recurring each year, mostly in relation to business premises, which is rather surprising. Are these premises aware of the comments in the Tidy Towns reports? If not, we would suggest that the report is circulated in the village. We look forward to further progress in the years ahead.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/02)

Litter control was generally very good on Second Adjudication Day in Ballinderry. A derelict property was spotted by the 40mph speed limit sign on the Terryglass approach and this looked quite unfortunate. Both the Village Store and the Tavern should be painted before next year's competition. Staining was obvious on either side of the former and the sign to the rear of the latter was quite faded and unreadable. The car parking area adjacent to the Village Store would benefit from a landscaping project to soften its rather harsh appearance. Hogan's is an attractive traditional pub front and the car park area opposite looked as magnificent as ever with its colourful display of montbretia.