

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINGARRY-TIPPERARY NORTH**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>214</b>

## **Ballingarry, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thanks for the completed entry form, sketch map and copy of 3-year work plan. The plan is basic in its approach confining itself to the basics of maintaining the existing facilities and planning for additional planting.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The large derelict building in the centre of the village is still the main problem but I would hope that the landlord might in time consider renovating it and restoring it to something near its original state. The Glue Pot has been dashed, windows treated and the car park area cleaned. This is a very practical contribution on the part of the owner. Noonans also was presented in an acceptable manner. The public buildings such as the Church, School and Community Hall were all neat and tidy and suggestions made in last year's report were taken on board.

The Galvanised building at Cavanaghs needs to be brightened up by at least painting it. Other than that the standard achieved in this category was quite good.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting arrangements at the green area near the bridge on the Aglish road was very attractive and imaginative, the timber fence was in need of wood treatment. The Picnic Area on the outskirts is maturing with each year and was very well maintained. Tables bins and an excellent information board complemented the mix of shrubs, rhododendrons and perennials. The stone fence surrounding the area is in need of blasting or painting as it is not up to the standard of the rest of the amenity.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This adjudicator feels that area on the Aglish Road would be an ideal starter point for a proposed mini wildlife project. Involve the schoolchildren and seek advice from the horticultural/environment section of Tipperary North County Council

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter evident on adjudication day so the efforts of the Committee to make the local community litter free aware is paying off.

### **TIDINESS**

The stream/river needs to be cleaned and maybe the Committee could prevail upon the Council to make provision for this next year. The seating at the green area

on the Borrisokane approach needs to be painted and the election poster on the fence opposite the picnic area should be removed.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The estate on the Borrisokane side of the village was well maintained, as were the rest of the premises in the village. The Community as a whole is making a concerted effort to present Ballingarry in good light.

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

The two main arteries into the village from Borrisokane and Birr were very well maintained with verges cut back appropriately, signposts visible and clean and back areas relatively tidy. The Shinrone entrance was also impressive with grass cutting ongoing on adjudication day. The Aglish entrance with its impressive trees as backdrop was slightly overgrown but was probably due to be cut back that particular day.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There are a couple of contentious issues that need to be addressed and if these are sorted within the next few years the village will make more of an impact in the competition. The Committee is working hard at the basics, which are very laudable, and the village is improving each year.