

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	183

Ballycommon, Tipperary (NR)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Committee's liaison with all the bodies mentioned in the entry form is admirable and the key to achieving goals. Thank you for entry form, map and three to five year plan – this documentation gives a good overall view of work completed and your plans for the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main focal building in the village, the Thatched Cottage Inn (which is for sale) was looking quite well except for the fact that the glass in the lanterns at the entrance gate was broken – to prevent this, we would suggest that these be raised up higher.

The Texaco Garage was also well presented – building work in progress here. As mentioned previously, some work on the décor and landscaping of the Muintir na Tire hall would be beneficial. Fleur de Lys Hairdressing Salon was making the effort with window boxes. Ballyartella Woollen Mills was looking well – neat and tidy with well maintained garden. Good stone walls are a feature throughout and the FAS sign was noted on these.

LANDSCAPING

As mentioned in last year's report some additional landscaping would be recommended in Ballycommon village. However, the maturing trees on the Ballyartella approach were admired. The car park and picnic area at Ballyartella is a pleasant amenity and hopefully will get some usage if the weather improves. The fact that the weather was so poor coming up to adjudication was taken into account during judging.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work on the second phase of the Sli Eala Walk is very worthwhile and constitutes a major commitment in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

The village and the Ballyartella amenity area were virtually litter free.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly neat and tidy except some set back areas near private houses which needed attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The contribution to the Tidy Towns effort is mixed in regard

to residential properties – some householders are making an exceptional effort and others could improve (see the remarks regarding set back areas as above).

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were mostly well kept but in some instances near the village needed to be trimmed back further. The many signs at the crossroads were rather overgrown with foliage.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is potential for further improvement in Ballycommon in the future and we wish you well in your endeavours.