

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYNEALE**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Ballyneale, County Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. While Ballyneale is a very small village you should, nevertheless, try to develop a 3 to 5 year plan setting out what you might possibly achieve over that period within your physical and financial resources. In this connection your Regional Tourism Authority, based in Waterford, would be of help to you as they have a great deal of experience on the requirements of the competition. You received an in depth report last year. The following comments therefore should be read within the context of that report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church, Hall and School looked very well again this year and are being well maintained. The Church car park is being kept very neat and tidy and the Thomas Kiely Monument is also being well looked after. It is indeed unfortunate that no development has taken place at the Village Inn which, in terms of appearance, is rapidly deteriorating and taking away from the overall ambience of the village. Your stonewalls, which are a feature of the village, are also being well looked after and reflect great credit on your Committee.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flowers and shrubs around the village and particularly in the area of the Church car park looked extremely well and showed every signs of good maintenance. The School grounds also looks well and the Cemetery is being well maintained. The concrete container outside the School however could be planted with some flowers which would greatly enhance its appearance.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The entry form would indicate that you have not undertaken a project under this heading. Perhaps for the future you might consider doing so and in this connection consult the Tidy Towns' Handbook. Perhaps also there is someone in the locality who might be interested in this type of project. Duchas will also help. In the meantime you will continue to receive the same mark as last year.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The situation has improved considerably on last year and Ballyneale was practically litter free on adjudication day. However the accumulation of cans and bottles behind the wall of the Village Inn was still to be seen. It is indeed a pity that some effort was not made to remove it. Litter control is an important aspect of the competition and needs

constant monitoring.

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## **TIDINESS**

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Hopefully the Village Inn situation will improve by next year.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses again looked well and many had gardens in bloom which created a nice ambience. In a small village this individual effort is an important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without it.

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

Road surfaces are in good condition and are being well maintained. The car park was presented very nicely and adds greatly to the overall appearance of the village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Great credit is indeed due to your committee and all concerned in maintaining a good standard of presentation. The adjudicator looks forward to visiting Ballyneale again next year when hopefully many of the problems which you are enduring at the moment may be solved. In the meantime keep up the good work.