

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	207	202

Ballypatrick, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form, for the plan and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. The plan represents a very purposeful approach to the competition and you are to be congratulated on it. You received an in depth report from the adjudication last year. The following therefore should be read in tandem with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ballypatrick does not have a great number of Public Buildings but the Pub, the Post Office and the Co-Op Dairy Society building looked very well. Comments made in last year's report regarding the Glambia building are still applicable. The tennis club is also being well maintained and the derelict site opposite it shows some improvement with some nice flowers growing in its surroundings.

LANDSCAPING

Ballypatrick is now beginning to benefit from planting which took place in previous years and looks extremely well. All the sites mentioned in your plan were visited. However, in some cases, it was difficult to identify whether work had been carried out or not, perhaps the work will be done later from which the village will benefit next year. Street furniture and tubs of flowers, where presented, looked very well. When planting for the future try to include trees and shrubs which would give you some colour on an all year round basis.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The two sites mentioned in your plan were visited. The hope will be that a wildlife habitat will be developed which would attract wild birds on a semi permanent basis. The wildflower garden is indeed a good idea and there is evidence of this at the derelict site. However, if possible try to extend the project to include the proposals mentioned above.

LITTER CONTROL

Ballypatrick was practically litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition which needs constant monitoring. It is nice to read that, in this connection, you have the co-operation of your school children which has the added effect of creating an environmental awareness amongst them.

TIDINESS

There are one or two areas of untidiness as mentioned in last year's report but, beyond this, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner which is a great reflection on your residents and their interest in the environment in which they live.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are being very well maintained and some have lovely gardens which were in bloom on adjudication day. This type of cooperation is vital to the Tidy Towns effort. You cannot succeed without it. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are again nicely maintained this year and would appear to have been trimmed in line with the request that they do not be cut too closely to the hedges in order to allow for the growth of wild flowers. Road surfaces are very good and are being well maintained. In this connection great credit is due to your County Council.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballypatrick is a lovely village which is set in a very attractive rural area. Your efforts reflect the great pride which you residents obviously have in their environment and in making their village a better place to live. You are progressing very well in the competition. Attention to detail and planning will get you further marks in years to come. In the meantime keep up the good work.