

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYDUFF LOWER**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	16	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Ballyduff Lower, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

We welcome Ballyduff Lower back into the competition and wish them every success. Thank you indeed for the information supplied on the entry form and for the maps which were most useful on adjudication day. While the village is small it has, nevertheless, great potential to progress in this competition. In this respect we encourage centres to produce a 3 to 5 year plan which can be very simply done in conjunction with your Local Authority, your local Regional Tourism Authority, Fás and other bodies such as Duchas. Such a plan should set out what you would hope to achieve over the next 3 to 5 years within your physical and financial resources and does not need to be a lengthy or complicated. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for further information.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

On adjudication day the Church, School and Old School were well presented but weeds are growing on the Church boundary wall which could very easily be removed to its benefit.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your open space in the village is being very well kept but might benefit from a flower bed or two which should also contain some plants and shrubs to give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. The large car park in front of the school could also be softened with similar type planting which would greatly enhance its appearance without being too disruptive.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. Therefore a nominal mark will be allocated this year. For next year perhaps you might consider taking on a wildlife project and in this regard, the Tidy Towns handbook will be useful to you. There may, for example, be someone in your area who is knowledgeable and interested in wildlife and its conservation. Your local authority may also be able to help as would indeed Duchas.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Ballyduff Lower was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Congratulations are due indeed to all concerned. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner

on adjudication day and reflects greatly the obvious interest of its residents in their living environment.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The great majority of houses were very well presented as indeed were some of their gardens which were in full bloom. This is also an important part of the competition and a very big “well done” is due to all concerned.

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

Road and path surfaces are very good and are being well maintained. The village does not have nameplate signs and this is a matter which you should take up with your Local Authority. Approach roads are also important and, in the case of Ballyduff Lower they did in parts need strimming. This also is an important part of the competition as the condition of approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. In doing this, please do however refer to your Tidy Towns handbook and to the guidelines set out for the cutting of hedges and the preservation of wild flowers and wildlife.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ballyduff Lower is a lovely village in a very pleasant rural setting. It is being very well maintained. Please do however try to produce a 3 to 5 year plan setting out your future intentions as far as the competition is concerned. In the event please do enclose a copy of this when entering next year. You might also mark on your map next year where specific developments may have taken place so the adjudicator can have sight of them. In the meantime – keep up the good work.