

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2002

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2002 | Mark Awarded 2001 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 22 | 22 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 32 | 30 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 24 | 24 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 27 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 197 | 192 |

Ballyduff Upper, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map sent with the entry form was most useful on adjudication day as was indeed the information sent on the form for which we thank you. The support you receive from Waterford County Council and your local community is indeed to be commended. It is appreciated that in a village the size of Ballyduff Upper you are dependent on the co-operation of your Local Authority and other agencies for work to be done. However there are many smaller community type projects which can be undertaken and you should try to identify these and, within your physical and financial resources, try to accomplish them on a year to year basis over the next 3 to 5 years. A small number of jobs have been completed this year but, equally important, you have maintained what you have done in previous years and you are to be congratulated on this.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, School and Muintir na Tire Hall are being well maintained and were nicely presented again this year. The Garda Station continues to be the dominant building in the village. The building itself probably needs upgrading but, as you have pointed out, this is a matter for the Office of Public Works. Your comments in this respect have been noted. The Glanbia premises again looked well and outdoor storage there is being kept tidy. The Community Field is being well maintained. The Community Notice Board at the Church and the advance signs were noted and your efforts in this respect are to be praised. The Grotto is a nice feature but would probably benefit from additional landscaping. The bridge is undoubtedly also a major feature of Ballyduff Upper and, while sound in structure, badly needs refurbishing. Your comments regarding painting are timely. Perhaps this is something which could be undertaken jointly between yourselves and Waterford County Council.

LANDSCAPING

Flowerbeds, tubs of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes looked well and created a nice atmosphere throughout the village. As part of your plan try to identify further open spaces which would benefit from the planting of shrubs and flowers with a view to providing all year round colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Again this year you do not appear to have a specific project under this heading so the comments made in last year's report are still applicable. Initially, for example, it might be possible for you to provide feeding tables and nesting boxes

for some wild birds in the vicinity of the river or some other suitable location – a project which perhaps your school children could take on. This will also have the effect of providing a further attraction for visitors. Duchas or your Local Authority should be able to advise on this. Alternatively perhaps there is someone in your locality who has an interest in this type of environmental development who could be of assistance to you.

LITTER CONTROL

Your comments regarding the winning of the County Inter-Village Litter Challenge for the past 3 year is noted and indeed is reflected in the fact that Ballyduff Upper was practically litter free on adjudication day. This is a major plank in your effort and congratulations are due to all concerned.

TIDINESS

The remains of blocks outside the Glanbia premises create a somewhat untidy appearance in that area but otherwise the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Comment made last year regarding footpath displays is still applicable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New house building has not yet been completed but, in the event, it will be a very fine addition to the village. Do ensure however that the builders concerned landscape the site before they leave. Private homes again looked very well this year as did their gardens which were in full bloom and a joy to see. Marian Terrace continues to be very nicely maintained and open spaces looked very well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked very well and evidence of work in progress was noticed on adjudication day. Road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and, in this connection, great credit is due to Waterford County Council.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Within the village, litter control, tidiness and your residential areas are an indication of the interest which your residents have in the preservation of their environment. This is to be highly commended and, to a large extent, is what the competition is all about. As already mentioned, try to plan on a year to year basis what initially can be carried out by your Committee. You will find that, as time goes on, this will gain you additional marks. In the meantime keep up the good work.