

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLYMACARBARRY**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	36	35
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>221</b>

## **Ballymacarberry, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The information contained on the entry form, the map and the plan was most useful on adjudication day. The list of projects to be undertaken, while extensive, is very practical. The continued support you get from Waterford County Council is to be applauded as indeed is the practical help from Pinewood Laboratories. Your Committee are doing excellent work epitomised by the increase in marks which your centre has received in recent times.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Commercial premises again looked very well this year – in particular Melodies Bar, the Oriel Bar, Dooceys and the Pinewood Laboratories. The Garda Barracks looks resplendent in its new coat of paint. Your comments regarding St. Patrick's Hall have been noted. The Glanbia premises is being well maintained. The Post Office could do with refurbishment.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The bank stretching from the Oriel Bar to the centre of the village is readymade for landscaping. In this regard do take the best advice available to you as this project could become a major feature in the village. The picnic area looked very well again this year as did the car park at Melodys. Planting which has taken place in the past is now reaching maturity and has created a wonderful ambience in the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading this year and therefore comments made in last years report are still applicable. As mentioned in your plan the provision of an Information Board on wildlife in the area in the car park at Melody's would indeed be a very nice facility.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Ballymacarberry was practically litter free on adjudication day. Well done to all concerned. There was however a minor element of litter to be seen in Melodys car park. The litter situation needs to be monitored practically on a day-to-day basis.

### **TIDINESS**

The village looked extremely well again this year and reflects great credit on your local residents.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new housing estate is a lovely addition to the village and is being beautifully maintained. Open spaces in the estate were a delight to see and work in progress on adjudication day was noted. Your comments regarding the entrance to St. Martins Housing Estate were noted. Nevertheless the estate looked well as indeed did individual houses throughout the village which, almost without exception, are a great credit to their owners. Many had lovely gardens in full bloom which created a wonderful atmosphere. All concerned are to be congratulated on this great effort.

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

The new pathway looks resplendent and, again, work in progress was noted. The road surface is quite good and is being well maintained. In this instance great credit is due to Waterford County Council for their efforts. Verges of approach roads looked reasonably well bearing in mind the inclement weather. Work on the lovely pathway on one side of the main street would be greatly enhanced by the cutting of the grassy banks on the opposite side which looked somewhat overgrown on adjudication day.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As already mentioned, your approach to planning is good and practical. If you can achieve all these projects during this year, major improvements will have taken place and will greatly benefit your entry in the competition next year. It is obvious that commercial interests and residents alike in Ballymacarberry are extremely interested in the preservation of their living and working environment and for this great credit is due to all concerned. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Ballymacarberry next year to see further progress.