

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballinadee**

Ref: **556**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **211**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	208

Overall Developmental Approach:

The committee continues to do good work in relation to the village's future. The adjudicator, however, was disappointed to note that, although a small development plan had been mentioned in last year's report, no report was included in this submission. Do ensure for next year that you have formulated a work programme and include this with your submission.

The Built Environment:

The rendered Catholic church looked very well but will need painting before next year's competition. The stone wall opposite was admired. O'Driscoll's is a charming pub and looked extremely fresh. Corcoran's Bar was fine and sported some hanging baskets filled with nasturtiums. Ballinadee Engineering and the adjacent green building were neatly presented. The Church of Ireland, in its prominent location, looks quite charming. Ryan's is a simple structure that was extremely fresh on the day. The Post Office and school were well presented and the mural and bird boxes to the latter were admired.

Landscaping:

The ash trees along the river bank are coming along well and the picnic area was simply presented. Perhaps some more planting could be considered in this location, as there is rather a large expanse

of hard landscaping here. The floral tubs by the village nameplate were admired, as were the numerous window boxes and hanging baskets. However, don't rely on floral displays alone - do try to incorporate permanent planting and trees as an investment for the village's future. The heart-shaped grotto was well presented, as was the Olympic Memorial.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Ballinadee is indeed fortunate in this regard, with its marvelously clean river. The wildlife garden, on the far side of the bridge, in its gravelled bed was admired. The hand-painted sign indicating wild birds of the locality was admired but the glass to the frame appeared quite stained.

Litter Control:

Litter control seemed to be reasonable on the day. One or two outbreaks were evident however, by the roadside adjacent to the church and a large plastic bag on the school road. Another item of litter was noted in the school grounds and the litter bin by the picnic area appeared to be full. Perhaps this could be emptied on a more frequent basis.

Tidiness:

The whitewashed outbuilding in the village centre looked extremely fresh. However, the building materials to the yard area behind the Catholic church should be screened more successfully from public view and a rough area near the junction of the school road, with an abandoned car looked most unfortunate. Weeds were evident to the kerbsides and along the boundary at the school itself.

Residential Areas:

The attractive yellow house with hanging baskets in the village centre was admired, as was the Glebe House. Another attractive house was that with the fuchsia bush and michaelmas daisies overhanging its boundary wall behind the Catholic church. Most houses were well presented. However, the adjudicator is somewhat dubious about the houses in the vicinity of Ryan's, as brick is a very inappropriate material to use in a rural location such as this.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Kinsale Road was still rather overgrown this year. The "drive slowly through the village" sign was virtually obscured by overgrowth and rather stained with green algae. The Bandon Road was in better condition, although not as neat as it could have been. The sign on this side was also extremely grubby and the road surface was in bad condition.

General Impression:

Ballinadee is an attractive centre which continues to do well in the competition. Do ensure for next year's competition that you include your work programme.