

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballitore**

Ref: **610**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **193**

Category: **B**

Date: **04/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	18	18
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>193</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a sketch map of the village. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. The work completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Ballitore Tidy Towns Committee is strong in number and has been working in cooperation with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

The village consists of an 18th century estate type village arranged around a central square. Historically, the village was settled by a Quaker community and a significant number of the village houses date from that period. Some of these buildings are in good condition and well presented, while others are in very poor condition and give the village an unwarranted rundown appearance.

### **Landscaping:**

The new tree planting has been worthwhile and compliments the landscape tubs.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The river is an important feature of the village. A clean up project here would be well worthwhile.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the village was very weak and considerable areas of litter were noted around the village and in the approach roads. The Committee should try to grapple with this and initiate more regular clean-ups – perhaps involving the children in the process.

### **Tidiness:**

The fabric of the village is wonderful, but it all looks untidy due to the number of derelict sites. These could be refurbished in the long-term, but in the meantime they could be cleaned and tidied up externally.

### **Residential Areas:**

The houses in the village are generally well presented. Those around the square open directly off the street, while elsewhere the houses have attractive gardens.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads to the village are very attractive and inviting, with nice verges, hedges, walling, and trees.

### **General Impression:**

Ballitore is an unusually attractive village that will respond well, in time, to the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee. This will take time and patience, but the results will be worthwhile.