

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballymore Eustace**

Ref: **490**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **219**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/07/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 34 | 34 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 33 | 33 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 22 | 22 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 26 | 26 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 219 | 219 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a village map. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed. The plan will help you identify what developments are needed over the next five year's and what resources are required. The schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Ballymore Eustace Tidy Towns Group is small, but has increased its membership from last year. During the past year the Group has co-operated with other local community groups and with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Ballymore Eustace is a pleasant village arranged around a central square. The village fabric consists of a range of 19th and 20th century houses and buildings mostly in good condition, except for a few derelict sites. The result is a series of attractive streetscapes, with a number of fine traditional shop fronts.

Landscaping:

The formal landscaping of the village square was attractive and this was complimented by colorful planters and baskets. The bollards were a nice feature of the village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverbank walk offers great potential for wildlife and nature projects. However the area is in need of better management and the barbed wire fencing could be a danger to visitors.

Litter Control:

Litter remains somewhat of a problem for the village. Small scatterings were noted in the square and to a lesser extent along the approach roads.

Tidiness:

The village was generally neat and tidy. However, several areas of weeds were noted in the principal street and along the approach roads. As previously noted, the road surface in the village could benefit from improvement. The derelict hut behind the church should be removed.

Residential Areas:

The housing in the village and in the housing-estates were bright and well maintained, with attractive well presented gardens. The landscaping in St Bridgets Park, for example was excellent.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village are good, with good verges, hedges, and trees. There are excellent stone walls in places, but these require maintenance. The management of the verges is good in places and in need of attention elsewhere, particularly in regard to weeds.

General Impression:

Ballymore Eustace is a pleasant village to visit and the streetscapes are particularly nice. This appearance is no doubt due to the work of Tidy Towns Group and the local community. The overall form of the village is inherently strong and attractive and it can be expected that the work of the group will continue to improve the environment.