

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyboy**

Ref: **294**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **218**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	37	35
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>212</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Well done to Ballyboy on another excellent presentation for this year's competition. The village is a pleasure to visit. You have not submitted any plans or objectives as part of your application. If possible, try to include a brief outline of what you hope to achieve over the coming years. It does not have to be an elaborate plan but to focus yourselves and to give further information to the adjudicator., it would be helpful to develop guidelines outlining what you hope to achieve in the next few years.

### The Built Environment:

Ballyboy has a number of beautifully presented stonewalls and a very attractive stone bridge. St. Mary's parish Church, although in ruins, is cared for. The school is beautifully presented as is Dan and Molly's Public House. Jackson's Mill is also cared for. The pump outside the school could be painted and used for a hanging basket perhaps.

### Landscaping:

The approach roads to the village are well tended and maintained. Trees are doing well in many areas. The landscaped area across from the school is colourful and is complimented. The picnic area at the bridge is lovely and no doubt is enjoyed by many. Well done on its development – this

area will be put forward for the waterside award. The seat and bin and stone map at the turn off for Kinnity (across from St. Mary's Church) is lovely.

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

Ballyboy no doubt has a large selection of wildlife with its mature trees and the Silver River. Do you have any plans to assess, document or display any information on wildlife. Perhaps this is an area where the local school children could help out. If you do initiate any projects under this heading, please submit details with next year's application.

### **Litter Control:**

On the day of adjudication, litter control was excellent with only one piece of litter being observed in the village. Well done on installing recycling banks and new litterbins. The litterbin at the school should be refurbished.

### **Tidiness:**

The main body of the village does well under this heading. The approach road along St. Mary's Church from Kilcormac needs a little effort. In general, you have done very well and attention to detail would now help under this heading. The nettles inside the wall at Ballyboy House are starting to show and further down from here an entrance is untidy. Across the road from Ballyboy House the wall needs attention. Possibly you have plans to do this as you have done with many other walls in the village.

### **Residential Areas:**

The majority of residences present a well cared for appearance. Encourage residents to extend their efforts to all areas visible from the public road. The house across from St. Mary's Church would benefit from a fence. Encourage residents to be aware of boundary walls and weeds.

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

There are no major problems under this heading, although some roads do need attention in places. Some house frontages need surfacing. The side of St. Brigid's Hall is very visible from the road and could be painted or tidied. Approach roads look very well. While Hayden's Shop looks very well the area adjacent with the large gate needs attention. The garden at the back of the pub is fantastic.

### **General Impression:**

The general impression of Ballyboy is very favourable. The village is beautiful and so obviously well cared for. You are very fortunate to live in such a lovely place. The nameplates throughout the village are complimented and they have been put forward for the Access and Interpretation of Heritage Award. Well done on this year's presentation and keep up the good work.