

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyforan**

Ref: **156**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **183**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	12
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>173</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Ballyforan is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. The village enjoys a superb location on the bank of the river Suck and has some fine features. Thank you for the map which you included with your submission, it was helpful. As noted in previous years it is important that you work to a plan. One should be drawn up outlining your objectives over the next three or five years. It is difficult to progress in the competition without such a plan. Congratulations on receipt of three hundred Euro from Roscommon County Council and on your fund raising activities. It is good to note the committee works in partnership with both the County Council and the school. It is hoped that the Village Green can be acquired by the committee at some date in the future as it occupies an important site in the village centre.

### The Built Environment:

Remove dated neon plastic signs such as the beer signs on "The Big Apple". The "Hooke and Tackle" premises will soon need to be painted, particularly its gable wall. Both the church and the school looked well together with their grounds, although the gates of the latter could be refurbished. The sign on "Maureens Foodstore" is too large and this building could feature a more appropriate sign. The Health Centre premises had been recently whitewashed on the day of adjudication and looked quite magnificent. The Garda barracks premises looked well also.

## **Landscaping:**

Verges throughout the village are being nicely maintained, well done on this initiative. Recently planted saplings were noted at the entrance to the village from the Galway road. The sports grounds looked well also.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your environment park is an excellent initiative and congratulations are due on the Ballyforan Environment Education Centre. Do send in details on activities undertaken at this centre. You have received a substantial increase in marks for wildlife for this initiative.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control is excellent, everyone concerned is to be commended. We note your encouragement of residents to help out under litter control as your student scheme has ceased this year. Please send in more details of your litter management activities as these can earn you additional marks.

## **Tidiness:**

A number of derelict outbuildings were noted which present a problem under this heading. Some side and back areas were a little untidy also. There were no major problems of untidiness and again we note the community effort in the cleaning and washing of the Court House and Library premises.

## **Residential Areas:**

The small estate near the church looks well in respect of its dwellings, however the road surface here is very rough and needs to be refurbished. We note the new development being constructed across from the entrance to Claremount house. Hopefully this development (Claremount) will be finished to a high standard and enhance the village centre.

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

Congratulations on the road surface throughout the village centre and also on the attractive lamp standards and lack of overhead wirescape. Entrances to the village are good and name plates look well. Stone walls are attractively presented and indeed refurbishment, particularly in relation to capping, has been noted in this regard. Well done to all involved. Congratulations also to the students for the erection of steps.

## **General Impression:**

Ballyforan is a delightful village with many fine features. Congratulations on a substantial increase in marks which have been earned by your Environmental Park and Education Centre. Keep us informed yearly of your activities in this respect.