

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballinderry**

Ref: **376**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **235**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/08/0203**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	37	35
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	235	233

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you still have not put together a three to five year work programme. This was commented upon in last year's report. This document need only be a few pages long outlining your plans for the village's future and setting a timeframe against their implementation. It will be of immense value to both yourselves and the adjudicators in order to monitor your progress as the year's go by.

The Built Environment:

The traditional timber gate on the Terryglass side of the village was greatly admired as was the stone walling throughout. The Village Store is in need of painting - particularly its side wall. The adjudicator noted that it had been sold and hopefully this work will take place in the not too distant future. Perhaps the new owner could also consider landscaping the tarmacadamed forecourt area, as at the moment it appears quite bare. The gable to the Tavern was also in need of painting and the sign mentioned in last year's report was still faded. Besides this, the property was well maintained. Elsie Hogan's looked magnificent, in particular its garden area with a stone wall surround, snapdragons peeping above it and the freshly whitewashed out building situated in the garden itself. Lakeshore Cottage Foods was well maintained.

Landscaping:

The picnic area at the bridge with its simple seating area was admired. Roses growing to a wall opposite a grass verge with trees, created an interesting incidental landscaped space. Honeysuckle growing to the concrete post and wire fence also looked quite chirpy. Perhaps you could, in time, consider growing an indigenous hedge in beech or hawthorn or building a stone wall in this location.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to the retention of flora and fauna in order to encourage wildlife is commendable. Perhaps you could involve a local expert, in order to draw up a plan for the maintenance of existing wildlife habitats in your locality.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good and your litter day has obviously paid dividends.

Tidiness:

The sign to the Tavern has been mentioned already. On the Terryglass Road, a slate roof to a stone cottage appears to be in poor condition and creates a bad impression. Generally the village was quite neat and ordered in its presentation, including the caravan area. An advertising hoarding which was in bad condition on the Borrisokane Road looked unsightly.

Residential Areas:

The standard of houses in the village centre and along approach roads was generally very good on the day. Of particular note, was a cottage with snapdragons in the village centre and another garden on the Kilbarron Road with its jaunty snapdragons atop a stone wall.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Terryglass Road the village nameplate sign should be repainted before next year's competition. The hedgerows and banks had been cut back. On the Coolbawn Road, the grass verges had been cut back and hedges trimmed. Perhaps further landscaping to the grass verges could be considered as, at the moment, they appear quite bare. On the Kilbarron Road, one area looked quite neglected and rough - perhaps this could be improved upon before next year's competition.

General Impression:

Ballinderry is an attractive village set in the magnificent location of the lakeside area of Lough Derg. It continues to do well in the competition.

Second Round Adjudication:

Grass verges of approach roads and throughout the village are a strong positive visual element of Ballinderry. The Tavern premises is in need of some attention, Hogans continues to impress, new signs together with the "Shannon Catchment" sign were admired. No doubt the garden and roadside area to the new house under development at the bridge will be finished to a high standard. The wooded shady banks looked inviting on a hot summers day. Stone walls and other boundary treatment were faultless. The sign for The Tavern could be upgraded. We anticipate with enthusiasm receipt of your work programme with next years submission.

