

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballycahill**

Ref: **150**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **223**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	223	219

Overall Developmental Approach:

Although a work programme was mentioned in last year's report, you did not submit one with this year's application. It is important that your work programme is submitted each year in order that both yourselves and the adjudicators can monitor your progress over time. The five strong Tidy Towns Committee obviously works hard.

The Built Environment:

Stone walling is a strong element of the village character and infrastructure. The ivy clad thatched shop was greatly admired. The pub was well maintained, although its car parking area was quite weedy and a number of items of litter were spotted. The community centre was quite fresh, although weeds were evident in the gutter. The school was well maintained, although its railings appeared quite flaky and should be treated before next year's competition. The pebble-dashed church also looked well but would also benefit from a fresh coat of paint.

Landscaping:

The open space at the crossroads was admired for its timber picnic tables, litter bins and well cut grass verges. The graveyard was well maintained. The picnic area to the rear of the pub car park looked well, as were grass verges throughout the village streets. The GAA grounds were fine and

the attractive garden to the grotto was greatly admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to erecting nesting boxes for birdlife is to be commended. Perhaps get the local school children involved in drawing up a study of wildlife habitats in their locality. You should also consult with local experts in order to get advice in developing this aspect of the competition further.

Litter Control:

The children's anti-litter poster campaign is a good idea. Litter control on the day could have been to a higher standard. Even one or two papers are all the more evident in a village of Ballycahill's size. Quite a lot of litter was evident in the pub car park and on the Rosmult Road.

Tidiness:

Weed control was a problem at kerbsides and in the car park area in the vicinity of the church. Besides this, the village looked quite neat and tidy on the day.

Residential Areas:

The charming thatched cottage at the crossroads was greatly admired, although its roof appeared to have been damaged by passing traffic. The attractive curved entrance area to a house on the Thurles Road, with colourful floral display leading from the road up to the house, was greatly admired. An attractive garden to a bungalow beside the church also looked extremely well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Your work in relation to petitioning the County Council regarding the re-surfacing of roads is to be commended. On the Nenagh Road, the village nameplate was quite damaged and twisted and the junction sign was obscured by overgrowth. However, the attractive stone walling was admired. Stone walls were also a feature of the Thurles Road and a stone wall was under construction on the Rosmult Road, which itself was generally well maintained. The phone box was in good condition. Street furniture such as the timber benches and litter bins at the open space at the crossroads were also well maintained.

General Impression:

Ballycahill is a well cared for hamlet. Much activity was noted within the village and its environs on the day.