

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyduff Lower**

Ref: **269**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **187**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	184

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the information sent with the entry form and it is encouraging to read that you have the support of your Local Authority for your Tidy Towns efforts. Comments made in last years report regarding the production of a simple development plan are still pertinent. In doing so consider setting out over say a three-year period, two or three items per year which you can realistically achieve. This document can then be used as a yardstick in terms of measuring progress which has been made. In the event perhaps you would send a copy of this plan with your entry form next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

The Built Environment:

Your Church, School and Old School again looked well this year and are being well maintained.

Landscaping:

Comments made under this heading in last years report are still applicable. Work however was noticed in progress on the open space in terms of a new flowerbed. Should you consider further landscaping please do consult with your Local Authority who should be able to provide you with some professional advice on this.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It would indeed be nice to see a wildlife project take place in Ballyduff Lower. Perhaps it is something that the schoolchildren could get involved in and might initially consist of the provision of bird boxes, a bird feeding and drinking facility and a display board showing the variety of local wildlife. In the meantime you will continue to get the same nominal mark as last year.

Litter Control:

Ballyduff Lower was practically litter free on adjudication day. However there was some evidence of minor littering on the open space. Perhaps an additional litterbin might solve the problem.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and, again, congratulations are due to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Individual houses looked extremely well and gardens are being well maintained. This individual effort is a very important part of the Tidy Towns Competition particularly in a small area. You cannot succeed without it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Again many of the comments made in last year's report are still applicable. You should continue to press your Local Authority on the question of village name signs. While individual strimming has taken place outside individual houses, nevertheless approach roads were a little overgrown and needed attention. Adjudication normally takes place either between the village name signs or the speed limit signs - whichever you opt for. Roads and paths surfaces were again very good this year and are being well maintained.

General Impression:

Your village is being very well maintained. A few additional initiatives here and there such as landscaping, nameplate signs, maintenance of approach roads etc will gain you additional marks in the competition for which the village has great potential.