

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyduff Upper**

Ref: **617**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **201**

Category: **A**

Date: **13/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	201	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the information sent with the entry form, for the map which was most useful on adjudication day and for your five-year plan. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of Waterford County Council and your local community for your efforts. The plan makes interesting reading. Try to do a certain amount each year within your physical and financial resources using the plan as a yardstick to measure your success or otherwise. Do not try to do too much in any given year as to do so and fail can be discouraging.

The Built Environment:

Your public buildings – church, school and Muintir na Tire Hall are being very well maintained and congratulations are due to all concerned. Comments in last years report regarding the grotto and the Garda Station are still applicable as indeed are those regarding the bridge. In the case of the latter your comments have been noted. The cobble locking outside the Glanbia Premises is very nicely done but the continuous storage of stones and gravel takes away from the surrounding area.

Landscaping:

Existing landscaping is now maturing and contributes very nicely to the overall ambience of the village. Hanging baskets and window boxes where presented look very well as indeed do the tubs of

flowers.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading therefore the comments made in last years report are still applicable. In the meantime you have to get the nominal mark you received last year.

Litter Control:

Your Litter Rota is doing great work as, comma on adjudication day Ballyduff Upper was practically litter free. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important part of the competition and should be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner which reflects greatly on your community and their interest in the quality of their environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

New houses have now been completed and look well. Marian Terrace is being well maintained and open spaces are nicely presented. Individual houses look very nice and in most cases, their nice gardens add considerably to the whole atmosphere of the village. This type of individual effort is very important in the competition, you cannot succeed without it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It is desirable that approach roads should be strimmed from the village nameplates or the speed limit signs inwards, whichever one you opt for. This is normally the area in which the adjudication takes place and the condition of approach roads is important. The Tidy Towns Handbook gives guidelines on how this should be carried out bearing in mind the matter of preservation of wild flowers. Road surfaces and pathways are being well looked after and in this respect great credit is due to your County Council.

General Impression:

Ballyduff Upper is a very nice village and is gradually being very nicely landscaped. It is also a very tidy village which reflects greatly on your residents. As part of their planning other centres have carried out surveys of their town or village in order to identify what problems still exist. This then forms the basis of their plan which they then implement on a year-to-year basis. Perhaps Ballyduff Upper can do this in which case the adjudicator will look forward to returning next year to see what further progress has been made.