

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballymacarberry**

Ref: **97**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **228**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	
The Built Environment	40	36	
Landscaping	40	31	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	
Litter Control	40	31	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	25	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	
General Impression	10	8	
TOTAL MARK	300	228	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form, the map and details of your plan which were most useful on adjudication day. The continued support of your Committee by Waterford County Council and Pinewood Laboratories is to be commended. The progress you have been making in the competition and the fact that you are self-reliant reflects great credit on your Committee's work and your community.

The Built Environment:

All the major buildings in Ballymacarberry again looked well this year – Melody's Bar, The Oriel Bar, Dooceys, Pinewood Laboratories, the Garda barracks and the Post Office. St. Patrick's Hall could do with some refurbishing.

Landscaping:

The planting by Waterford County Council between the Oriel Bar and the Garda barracks was noted and is excellent. Your comments regarding other areas of the bank were also noted. The picnic area is being very well maintained and the landscaping in the vicinity of Melody's/Dooceys looks very well in spite of the inclement weather.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading were also noted. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing the proposed signage next year. In the meantime you will continue to receive a nominal mark under this heading.

Litter Control:

While your comments under this heading were also noted it is true to say that, on adjudication day, there was hardly any litter to be seen in Ballymacarberry. This reflects great credit on all concerned. Do try to continue this monitoring right through the season.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in an extremely neat and tidy manner and epitomises the obvious interest which your residents have in their living environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

The new housing estate which is now complete is a delight as indeed are the individual houses throughout the village many of which had gardens in full bloom again this year. This collective and individual effort is an important part of the competition. In a small village it is absolutely essential if you are to continue to progress. Again well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Verges on approach roads looked somewhat overgrown – perhaps due to the inclement weather. The recommendation is that grass verges should be strimmed from either the speed limit signs or your village nameplate signs whichever you opt for as this is the area in which the adjudication takes place. In doing so however please bear in mind the recommendations made in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the cutting of grass verges in relation to the preservation of wild flowers. Road surfaces and pathways are being very well maintained. The car park at Melody's (which was completely litter free this year) does credit to all concerned.

General Impression:

Your approach to planning and your obvious concern for the environment has been reflected now for a number of years in your markings and again this year. However when you reach this level in the competition attention to detail becomes very important. Perhaps the time has now come when you should carry out a complete survey of the village and clearly identify, for planning purposes, where future work and improvements can take place and which, if carried out, will attract additional marks in the future. In doing so harness the specialised knowledge which exists in your Local Authority, your Regional Tourism Authority etc, all of which is readily available to you. Many congratulations on your success to date.