

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyboughal**

Ref: **342**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **234**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	227

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your comprehensive submission. It is wonderful to see the work that your committee has done with seven members. The support and enthusiasm for the enhancement and improvement of your village is encouraging. The structure of your development plan 2004-2006 will help you to prioritise your plans and will provide you with a means to carry out work and also a method to monitor and evaluate in the future.

Ballyboughal is a lovely rural village on the outskirts of Dublin. By working together you can retain all the wonderful attributes of the area. This is particularly relevant in light of the all the development taking place in the surrounding area of North County Dublin.

The Built Environment:

Ballyboughal is a small village with a limited number of buildings, although they were extremely well presented on the day of adjudication. O'Connors pub looked extremely well as did the old National School with its colourful plant boxes. The new supermarket looked very well and is extremely well kept – it is heartening to see that they are interested in participating with your committee's efforts in the competition. The Church and the School grounds were again excellently maintained. The grounds of the GAA club could do with some planting. The front of Nightowl Security looked tired and could do with a facelift. All of the residences throughout the village were extremely well kept and were quite impressive.

Landscaping:

There are many lovely gardens throughout your village. The Village Green could do with some more planting to make it a little more colourful. The entrance to Ballyboughal Square was quite impressive. The addition of the chair by the Hedgerow Society on the bank of the river is a welcome addition to your village, enabling residents and visitors to take advantage of the view of the river. However, the area to the side of the new supermarket was quite overgrown and takes away from the overall appearance of your village.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Ballyboughal is a lovely village in rural Dublin, hidden away from the hustle and bustle of neighbouring towns. Some serious thought should be given to developing a wildlife plan for your area which would highlight the unique features of the local habitat and therefore serve as a means to maintain and preserve it. A good idea is to get the local schoolchildren involved in projects during the winter months – particularly projects which will attract more wildlife to your locality.

Litter Control:

Once again there was no litter whatsoever to be seen in your village on the day of adjudication. Your committee is to be congratulated on its everyday efforts to keep your village litter free. Your efforts have certainly paid off in this category.

Tidiness:

The village was once again very tidy on the day of adjudication. The School grounds looked extremely well cared for and the shrubs of the GAA club looked like they were recently trimmed.

Residential Areas:

There are many beautiful residences throughout Ballyboughal with well maintained grounds and lovely flower filled gardens, adding colour and life to the area. All houses in all estates and in particular Ballyboughal Square were very impressive on the day of adjudication. It is clear that all residents take a great deal of pride in their homes.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The four roads that lead into Ballyboughal are very well signed and the presentation of all roads streets and back areas was of a very high standard.

General Impression:

The General impression of Ballyboughal is one of a great sense of pride in your community. It is quite clear that your community are eager to have necessary improvements carried out. The putting in place of your plans and projects to address various issues will mean an immediate increase in the level of points gained in the competition. We wish you the best of luck with your intended project of having the lights erected on the bridge – this would make a very welcome addition to your village.