

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Balrothery Village**

Ref: **94**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **183**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	24	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	
Litter Control	40	23	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	24	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	183	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your comprehensive submission. It is wonderful to see the work that your committee has done with six members. The support and enthusiasm for the enhancement and improvement of Balrothery by your committee is encouraging. A structured development plan 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. By working together with the local community, the council and local businesses, you can retain all the wonderful attributes of Balrothery. This is particularly relevant in light of the all the development taking place in your area. Thank you for the comprehensive materials that accompanied this year's application – they were of great assistance on the day of adjudication.

The Built Environment:

The buildings in Balrothery were extremely well presented on the day of adjudication. The Merry Cricketeer looked well as did Ru-Dees hairdressers, The Balrothery Inn, along with several residences throughout the village all looked very well and are extremely well kept; it is obvious that a lot of care and attention is put into their presentation.

Landscaping:

There are lovely landscapes in your village. The entrance to Balrothery is quite welcoming as you enter the village. It is disappointing to see that you do not receive practical assistance from the local community for your efforts; perhaps it might be an idea to encourage the community to get more involved in your efforts. There are many fund raising activities you could instigate in association with local businesses. The gardens in many of the residences throughout Balrothery are very well presented. However, the area to the side of the community centre was quite overgrown and detracted from your villages otherwise tidy appearance.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There are many areas for expansion for your village in this area of the competition. It might be an idea to contact ENFO in this regard or involve the local school in projects which would heighten awareness of your natural amenities and encourage more wildlife into your locality.

Litter Control:

There was virtually no litter in evidence on the day of adjudication in Balrothery. Your committee is to be congratulated on its efforts to keep your town litter free. Your efforts have certainly paid off in this category.

Tidiness:

Balrothery was once again very tidy on the day of adjudication. Your committee are to be congratulated for your efforts in this area. It was noted that the area to the side of The Merry Cricketeer had kegs staked up and it looked quite unsightly and detracted from your villages otherwise tidy appearance.

Residential Areas:

There are many beautiful residences throughout Balrothery with well maintained grounds and lovely flower filled gardens. All houses in all estates and on roads and streets were very impressive on the day of adjudication. It is clear that all residents in Balrothery take a great deal of pride in their homes and the presentation of them.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads, streets and back areas were well kept and their presentation was of a very high standard. One exception being the area to the side of the community centre which was overgrown and looked unsightly.

General Impression:

The General impression of Balrothery is of a well cared for village. It is important to get the whole community involved in your efforts especially with new housing coming on stream. It is clear you are eager to have necessary improvements carried out as evidenced by your efforts to liaise with the building contractors. Try to maintain co-operation with them in the future. We wish you every success for your future plans.