

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Balscadden**

Ref: **490**

County: **Dublin**

Mark: **168**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	168	162

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your comprehensive submission and development plan for the coming years. Your map accompanying your application was of great assistance on the day of adjudication. It is wonderful to see the work that your committee has done with twelve members. The support and enthusiasm for the enhancement and improvement of Balscadden by your committee is encouraging. Your comprehensive plan will provide you with a means to carry out work and also a method to monitor and evaluate in the future.

The Built Environment:

The buildings in Balscadden were extremely well presented on the day of adjudication. The School looked well as did McCormack's pub. The Church is also quite impressive and the 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. The cottage to the side of the church was particularly impressive. The clearing of the bridge is a welcome addition to the built environment of your village.

Landscaping:

There are lovely landscapes in your village. It is heartening to see that you receive practical

assistance from the local community for your efforts – your fund raising activities are to be commended. The gardens in many of the residences throughout Balscadden are very well presented. Once again it was noted that the area to the side of the church was quite pot holed and improvements could be made in this area.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There are many areas for expansion for your village in this area of the competition and we look forward to your proposed areas for action in your schedule of actions for the future. It is a wonderful idea to involve the local school in projects which heighten awareness of your natural amenities and encourage more wildlife into your locality.

Litter Control:

There was practically no litter in evidence on the day of adjudication in Balscadden. Your committee is to be congratulated on its efforts to keep your town litter free.

Tidiness:

Balscadden was once again very tidy on the day of adjudication. Your committee are to be congratulated for your efforts in this area. The school grounds were extremely well kept but the area opposite was slightly overgrown and looked untidy – detracting from Balscadden's otherwise tidy appearance

Residential Areas:

There are many beautiful residences throughout Balscadden with well maintained grounds and lovely flower filled gardens. All residences were presented to a very high standard on the day of adjudication. It is clear that all residents in your village 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. One exception being the lack of obvious signposting which makes your village hard to locate. It might be an idea to get in contact with the council in relation to this and with the introduction of traffic calming measures in your area.

General Impression:

The General impression of Balscadden is of a well cared for village. It is clear you are eager to have necessary improvements carried out as evidenced by your co-operation with the council and the Rural Dublin LEADER group. We wish you every success for your future plans.