

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballinamore**

Ref: **505**

County: **Leitrim**

Mark: **225**

Category: **B**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	27
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>220</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form and map although a more detailed town map would be much appreciated. A very good effort by Ballinamore however the committee has not yet taken on board previous recommendations to prepare a 3/5 year plan, this plan would be helpful in order to set out your work programme on an annual basis.

It is good to note that you get support in your fund raising activities but it would be important that you engage the support of the Local Authority in order for the tidy towns committee to be able to move forward.

### The Built Environment:

Commercial and private properties were presented well and improvements continue to take place. Locaboat premises and Leitrim Genealogy centre both have excellent all round presentation and the Church in the centre of town is still maintaining its high standards as is Mc Kiernans, An Siopa Bronntanas, Shortts Heritage Bar and Galligans. The new development on the main street and the development to the rear of Euro Value will be an asset when completed. The area around the Lakeland Diary is still poorly presented and in much need of attention

The use of bilingual shop fronts and the new bilingual street signs are most note worthy.

## **Landscaping:**

An improvement under this area is recorded by the adjudicator. The water feature in the town and the John Joe Mc Girl Memorial are nicely landscaped. The new landscaping on the ring road will provide a nice display of flora and fauna as it matures, attention is required to the finishing of road surfaces in this area.

The additional planting at St. Felim's College is highlighting the fact that much attention is being paid to detail.

The marina on the R202 Carrick on Shannon Road is maintained to a very high standard with a nice array of colors and selection of shrubs.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Natural amenities are a strong feature of Ballinamore landscape and as last years report states the Grand Canal basin should provide you with additional opportunities to achieve progress under this heading. The riverbank walk is a lovely amenity which could be of benefit to the committee under this area. You can develop this further by identifying wildlife habitats and sign posting them. Do engage the support of schools and seek the advice and guidance of a local wildlife expert. Give this are a priority rating when planning your work programme for next year.

## **Litter Control:**

Once again, litter control was of a very high standard, with only a little disposable litter at the top end of the main street on adjudication day - congratulations.

## **Tidiness:**

Ballinamore was reasonably tidy on adjudication day. However the area of the Lakeland Dairy as highlighted above requires attention as does the bottle bank on the R202 approach. The gates on Pairc Cuimeacáin need repainting but the adjudicator did note that planning is being sought to make changes to the front of this park so we look forward to seeing this in 2005.

## **Residential Areas:**

Many of the residential areas looked extremely well. It will be interesting to to see An Cuan when work here is completed. Houses were neat and tidy and gardens were nicely landscaped on the approach roads. Leath Ard Lahard and Teatnona housing estates are nicely maintained but floral displays here would be an asset.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads were nicely maintained and the verges were neatly trimmed, the landscaping and bilingual signs create a lovely first impression. However, the area to the rear of Super Valu is untidy as is the already mentioned the area at the Bottle Banks.

## **General Impression:**

Your committee seems to have made a determined effort to improve the appearance of the town, you should now take on board the recommendations of this and previous adjudication reports and prepare a three to five year plan. This will enable you to progress in a planned and focused manner towards achieving your potential in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

