

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballintubber-Roscommon**

Ref: **442**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **241**

Category: **A**

Date: **31/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>237</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form, map and summary plan, and welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2004. It is good to see that you work in co-operation with FAS, Roscommon County Council and Ballintubber Development Association.

### The Built Environment:

The new fountain located on the green was working and looked splendid. The majority of buildings were presented to a very high standard with the Church, School and Castle well presented as always. The Old Schoolhouse and graveyard were also well presented. The Garda Barracks requires cleaning and maybe painting, the grass requires cutting.

### Landscaping:

As mentioned already the new fountain on the green adds significantly to an already beautifully landscaped area. Flower beds and container planting are colourful and continue to feature in many places around Ballintubber. Nice to see newly constructed flower beds on the approach roads, but they will take time and maintenance to reach their full potential. The grass verges on the Roscommon approach road off N6 also requires cutting.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The erection of a sign identifying the bird life of the area at the Castle has been noted. The Castle is a wonderful natural wildlife habitat. There were many birds also in and around the new fountain. You are also fortunate to be located on the Suck Valley Way. If a wildlife survey has been carried out please submit details.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter management was again excellent this year.

### **Tidiness:**

The overall presentation is one of tidiness. The recycling point and surrounding area is well maintained. However be mindful of grass and weeds at base of walls and kerbs. Ensure that all materials are tidied up after construction works opposite the Castle.

### **Residential Areas:**

The majority of the residential properties were again presented to a very high standard. Well done on painting of derelict houses. Please submit details of your competition re hanging baskets/window boxes.

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

The stone walls are a characteristic feature of the village and its approach roads, as mentioned above the grass verges on the approach road from Roscommon required cutting, and some of the newly constructed flower beds needed attention.

### **General Impression:**

Ballintobber is a beautiful village set in a wonderful rural location. Its residents have a sense of pride and this is reflected in the way the village is cared for. Well done and keep up the good work.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

It is the long lengths of stone walling which impresses most. However their impact is diminished to some extent by weedy kerbsides and grass maintenance of varied standard along side. It is suggested that tall weeds emerging from the back of stone walls should be cut down regularly. The Post Office was in urgent need of repainting. Litter control seems good although a few sweet papers were noted. However broken bottles near the corner of the Ballymoe Road created a poor impression. The prolific planted beds were admired but some at the junction by the Church were weedy. Keep up the good work and try to achieve a more consistent standard throughout in future years!