

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyfarnon**

Ref: **91**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **222**

Category: **B**

Date: **19/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	23
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>209</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your application, map, and five year work-plan, and welcome to Tidy Towns 2004. It is good to note you are working in co-operation with FAS, Roscommon County Council and the Department of the Environment and the Golden Mile Initiative. Well done on the manner you went about putting together your 5 year plan, and with the production of a yearly plan for each household. It will now be essential that you continue the momentum and implement the workplan so you continue to get 'buy in' by the community.

### The Built Environment:

We are pleased that you are taking on board the recommendation regarding colour co-ordination as this will enhance the lovely stock of buildings in your village. Alderfords, Coillte Building and RC Church were all well presented. Josie Mc Dermot Memorial is a nice focal point in the village.

### Landscaping:

Approach road from Keadue is beautiful, grass cut and 40 new trees planted and the rose bed at corner was in full bloom and looked magnificent. The memorial garden & monument were also much admired and the window boxes & tubs, on Main St. make a significant contribution to the village centre.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Well done on the wildlife survey, and production of brochure. It is good to note you will be encouraging the school children to participate in a wildlife survey project. Please submit details as this develops. Wildlife Habitat board in the Memorial Garden is attractive and informative and yellow iris were in bloom in the wildflower area on the Sligo approach. Well done also on your involvement in the Golden Mile Initiative which creates a link between village and the countryside.

## **Litter Control:**

Your litter management activities are paying dividends, as there was very little litter evident during adjudication. We note the school children's involvement as "litter patrol" over the summer, and also your provision of information re large bulk disposal. The recycling facility and surrounding area was clean and tidy.

## **Tidiness:**

The premises adjacent to the tyre centre which is for sale will impact on this whole streetscape. Your Monday evening clean up is paying dividends, and identifying litter blackspots is an excellent idea. Encourage residents to be mindful of their back areas too, particularly on the Mountain Road approach where there is a bird's eye view.

## **Residential Areas:**

The majority of residential properties were well presented, with a few requiring painting. The colour co-ordinated scheme will ensure that painting has even more effect.

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

The main approach roads were presented well. The Keadue one is particularly nice, and the new planting is noted. The trees on the Sligo approach road are maturing nicely. The Mountain Road approach creates a great vista over the village and therefore is an area that needs attention.

## **General Impression:**

Ballyfarnon is an attractive village and was a pleasure to visit. The hard work of your committee and community has not gone un-noticed and is reflected in a handsome increase in marks this year. We look forward to visiting your village in the coming years and tracking progress. Well done and keep up the good work.