

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballylooby**

Ref: **489**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **203**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	27
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	203	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

The excellent work being carried out by your committee was very evident in Ballylooby on adjudication day. Indeed work was in progress during the visit. It is encouraging to read that you continue to have local sponsorship and, it is assumed, the support of your County Council for your efforts together with further assistance from your Hall Committee. All concerned are to be applauded for their involvement. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful. As mentioned in last years report, do try to draw up a simple Development Plan and, where possible, to identify on an annual basis what projects you could carry out under the different headings of the competition.

The Built Environment:

Major public buildings throughout the village looked very well again this year – Church, Community Hall, Grotto, Ned Tobin Monument and the School. They were very nicely presented and are being well maintained. The pump is a very nice feature. Commercial premises are also being very well maintained and reflect great credit on their owners. The Village Inn looks very well and the thatched premises was much admired. Well done to all involved. Walls throughout the village are being well maintained and are a lovely feature.

Landscaping:

The landscaping on the Cahir approach this year again was much admired. Wonderful work is being done by obviously very dedicated people to whom this beautifully maintained area with its many trees, shrubs and flowers deserves only the highest praise. The Grotto, the River Bank area and the Old Pump were beautifully presented again as were containers of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes which all added to the overall atmosphere of the village and its attraction. Keep planting! Find other spots in Ballylooby which will benefit from your creative talents and will further enhance your living environment. The highest congratulations to all concerned with this wonderful effort.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Try if you can to organise a further project under this heading. Perhaps this could take the form of nesting boxes and bird tables in the area of the School grounds which your School children could be involved with and it might have the effect of nurturing their interest in this subject. A wildlife board in the vicinity could also be an attraction and could show what wild birds and other wildlife which could be seen locally. Perhaps there is a teacher or someone in your locality who is interested in this subject who you could avail of. Alternatively you could talk to Duchas or their successors.

Litter Control:

Your comments regarding having no bin in the village is noted. Nevertheless Ballylooby was practically litter free on adjudication day. Unfortunately there was some minor littering in the vicinity of the School which, in the event, a litter bin might solve. Nevertheless it was a great effort by all concerned. Well done.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and, again, reflects greatly on the interest which your residents have in the preservation of their environment.

Residential Areas:

The new houses looked lovely. All of the houses, practically without exception, are being very well maintained and had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. This created a lovely ambience in the village and adds greatly to your Tidy Towns effort. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads in general are being well looked after with evidence of trimming. The Cahir road is, of course, remarkable. Road surfaces are good and paths are being very well looked after and reflect great credit on your County Council.

General Impression:

Wonderful work has taken place again this year in Ballylooby and all concerned are to be applauded. As mentioned last year do try to identify other projects which you might carry out under the various headings of the competition which, in the event, will get you additional marks. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Ballylooby again next year to view further progress made.