

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyduff Lower**

Ref: **57**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **194**

Category: **A**

Date: **26/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	187

Overall Developmental Approach:

It must be very disappointing for your small Committee that you have no local support for your efforts other than from Waterford County Council. Do not despair. The village looks lovely and is a great credit to those who are helping your efforts. Thank you for the information sent on the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. As mentioned in last year's report you should consider doing a simple three/five year plan on what projects you might possibly carry out under the various headings of the competition. It is realised that Ballyduff Lower is a very small village but, nevertheless, there are also things that can be done. The production of such a plan with specific identified work to be carried out per year might just get others interested in what you propose to achieve.

The Built Environment:

The Church, School and old School were very well presented which reflects great credit on all involved. The lovely walls throughout the village are being very well maintained and are an attractive feature.

Landscaping:

On adjudication day, your Green area looked very nice and the Flags were much admired. There is,

of course, wonderful opportunity for further landscaping there and possibly the planting of a couple of trees. Trees planted in the School grounds are now maturing very nicely and reflects the forethought of your predecessors in their provision. The planting of trees now will be for the future and posterity will thank you for them. While the planting of flowers is not discouraged, nevertheless the planting of trees and shrubs calls for less maintenance and they also have a longer lifespan.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You do not appear to have carried out a project under this heading. The School grounds would be an ideal location for the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables for birds and possibly, in the School car park the provision of a wildlife board showing what can be spotted locally. It was very nice to see in one of the houses in Ballyduff a feeding table and other facilities for birds. A project under this heading, carried out for next year, will also gain you additional marks in the competition.

Litter Control:

Ballyduff was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was some minor littering beyond the school near the speed limit sign. Nevertheless this is a wonderful effort by those concerned and they are to be congratulated on it.

Tidiness:

The village was again presented this year in a very neat and tidy manner. There was some minor weeding at the base of walls in the centre of the village.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout the village are being well maintained and some had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. The beautifully maintained house opposite the Green with its spectacular flower arrangement was much admired and added greatly to the overall ambience of the village. All this was lovely to see and adds greatly to your overall Tidy Towns effort. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked nice. The "Welcome to Ballyduff" sign was nicely presented and set a nice tone for the village. Roads and path surfaces are being well maintained as are the car parks. Great credit is due to your Local Authority for this and long may it continue.

General Impression:

Although small Ballyduff Lower is a charming place and was much admired by the Adjudicator. Do look at individual headings in the competition and try to do some extra work under each which will gain you additional marks in it. Do not be discouraged. Success does not come overnight. The Adjudicator looks forward to coming back next year to see further progress made. In the meantime keep up the good work.