

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyduff Upper**

Ref: **545**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **209**

Category: **A**

Date: **29/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	33	31
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	201

Overall Developmental Approach:

Excellent work is being done in Ballyduff Upper and reflects greatly on your committee, your Community Council, County Council and the West Waterford Development Company; the result was to be seen in Ballyduff Upper on adjudication day. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful. While Ballyduff Upper is a small village you should, nevertheless, try to develop new projects under the different headings of the competition on a planned basis, say over the next 2/3 years which, in the event of them coming to fruition, will gain you extra marks in the competition.

The Built Environment:

The Church, School and Hall are again being very well maintained this year and the Garda Barracks has certainly improved as a result of the power hosing. The newly painted bridge and its lightning is very impressive and the village signs, etc. there with their surrounding flower displays were much admired. The Grotto is a nice feature but perhaps more could be made of it. Commercial premises in Ballyduff Upper look well as indeed do the Credit Union building and the Post Office.

Landscaping:

Some nice landscaping was to be seen in the housing estates and where presented, tubs of flowers,

hanging baskets and window boxes added greatly to the overall appearance of the village. Special mention must be made of the landscaping at Riverdale House which is very attractive. This type of collective and individual effort is very important in the Tidy Towns Competition in a small centre. You cannot succeed without it. Well done to all concerned.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted. Unfortunately, on adjudication day, the information board at the bridge was not to be seen. Perhaps the Adjudicator was looking in the wrong place. Do try to develop a specific wildlife project which could be as simple as the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables in the School grounds; a project which perhaps your School children might get interested and would create in them an interest in wild birds. There maybe someone in the locality who is knowledgeable on this subject who can be of assistance to you. The Heritage Council would be glad to help.

Litter Control:

Your Litter Rota is working very well. Ballyduff Upper was litter free on adjudication day. Well done to all concerned. The provision of containers for cigarette butts by your commercial premises is to be applauded and could well be followed by many other centres in the competition.

Tidiness:

The village looked very neat and tidy on adjudication day and, in this respect, your community is to be thanked once again for the interest which they are showing in the preservation of their environment.

Residential Areas:

Marian Terrace and Cois Abhainn both looked very well with their open spaces nicely presented. Individual houses throughout the village are also being very well maintained and both in estates and individually many had lovely gardens in full bloom which were much admired. This type of individual effort is to be encouraged and applauded.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked reasonably well and village name signs are being well maintained. Road surfaces and pathways are being well looked after and the new cobble locking path at Glanbia is a very nice addition to the village structure. Your County Council and commercial interests are doing excellent work in this respect.

General Impression:

Ballyduff Upper is a very pleasant place and has a lovely atmosphere about it. Additional success will come in the competition with careful planning and attention to detail. Try to initiate a number of new projects for next year which, in the event, the Adjudicator looks forward to seeing and will also gain you additional marks. Do, however, also continue to maintain what you have as this is the backbone of your entry.