

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballymacarbarry**

Ref: **311**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **234**

Category: **A**

Date: **28/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	
The Built Environment	40	36	
Landscaping	40	32	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	
Litter Control	40	33	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	26	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	
General Impression	10	8	
TOTAL MARK	300	234	

Overall Developmental Approach:

The information sent with the entry form would seem to indicate that Ballymacarbarry is "marking time" and concentrating on maintenance. Most centres have to contend with difficulties which crop up from time to time and, to their credit, concentrate on maintaining what they have which, of course, is the backbone of the entry. You will have a number of projects coming up for the future and the fact that you have the support of Waterford County Council and LEADER is encouraging. Keep up the good work. Do however try to develop a plan which might see you doing some additional projects under the various headings of the competition and which, in the event, would gain you extra marks.

The Built Environment:

Commercial properties throughout the village continues to be very well maintained as indeed does the Garda Barracks and the Post Office. Your comments regarding St Patrick's Hall have been noted and, indeed, the time has come when something substantial has to be done to it.

Landscaping:

Again, your comments regarding the landscaping being carried out by the Waterford County Council has been noted and indeed the site has been seen. Hopefully further progress on this can will be

made throughout the year. The picnic area is very nicely presented and the landscaping in the vicinity of Melody's/Doocey's is maturing very nicely and flower beds are being well maintained. Landscaping in the area of St Martin's Place was much admired as indeed was the new tree planting at Deerpark View. Tubs of flowers, hanging baskets, window boxes and containerised planting throughout the village created a lovely atmosphere. When the County Council site is completed there will be a lovely march of landscaping and trees through the whole village which will be delightful to see.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted. Perhaps the representative from the Hill Walkers would be a very appropriate person to advise you on additional wildlife projects which, in the event, could gain you extra marks in the competition.

Litter Control:

In spite of the amount of passing traffic, the village was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was some evidence of minor littering in the car park opposite Melody's but, nevertheless, great credit is due to all concerned. Do be aware however that this is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

In general, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Some untidiness is being created by the work being carried out by the County Council but this will pass and has been allowed for in the adjudication.

Residential Areas:

The new housing estate is maturing well and indeed the older houses, almost without exception, are being very well maintained, as are their lovely gardens which were in full bloom on the day and added greatly to the overall atmosphere of the village. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked well but verges could probably have done with some additional strimming. Village name signs are being nicely maintained. Road surfaces are excellent and the new cobble locking pathways were much admired. The car park at Melody's is being very well looked after. In all of this great credit is due to your Local Authority and your commercial premises for the work which is being carried out.

General Impression:

Ballymacarberry is a very nice village with a lovely atmosphere. In spite of the high level of throughput traffic, a very high level of maintenance is being applied all over and creative work is being done with local residents and the County Council. Further marks will be obtained through to careful planning and attention to detail and, in this respect, the Adjudicator looks forward to coming back to Ballymacarberry again next year to see further progress made.