

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballinadee**

Ref: **121**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **219**

Category: **A**

Date: **12/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	219	214

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for submission and details of your work programme. We would have welcomed a sketch map, which is always useful to identify new projects, especially for an adjudicator making a first time visit. You are endowed with some beautiful natural amenities and some excellent buildings. Indeed you have all the village ingredients to become a high scorer in the competition. You need to firm up and add to you phased plan for the coming years. It is best to have a three to five year vision for your village and adhere to your plan each year.

The Built Environment:

The church is now dramatic and presents an excellent introduction to the village from this approach. Its design, layout and surrounds really set the scene for a tidy village. Ryans Foodstore is well presented but the environs are below standard on this important approach. The Church of Ireland church is sweet and has a distinctive design. Well done to the Engineering Plant for its appearance. The school boundary walls now need painting: the school murals are animating, so well done. O' Driscoll public house is attractive and still retains the traditional sash windows: we hope they will not be tempted to replace with pvc or alter the traditional lettering.

Landscaping:

You have scored well in this section again this year. We commend the community and individual effort of so many people in presenting the village to such a high standard, with a rich display of hanging baskets (especially at the bridge), window boxes, tubs and other containers. We commend you on your loyalty to your heroes of the past and the athletic memorial at the bridge and the most informative Olympic Memorial in the village are praiseworthy. The grotto is spectacular and colourful.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You have great opportunity to raise your marks in this section and we loved your information display boards. The river will forever be your main asset in promoting wildlife. Have you plans for a river walk?: such a development would be much admired.

Litter Control:

You have scored well again in this section this year, although the litter bins at the school two weeks after summer closure were still full. Your close association with Cork litter league is commendable, together with your close liaison with the school authorities.

Tidiness:

The Bandon roadside margins were poor in presentation and looked untidy. The approach by the school is quite overgrown and should be cut back. You also have some broken walls and unattended open spaces keeping your marks down in this category. Farm gates should be painted a strong colour and would brighten up the approach roads in particular.

Residential Areas:

You seem to have escaped the housing boom of most other small centres, so we did not find much building disruption. The small housing estate with red brick beside Ryans Foodstore is really sweet and good in design and presentation. We liked the great painting blitz in evidence in the village centre which was most obvious as we drove up from the church.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Bring Bank is beneficial and does not seem to be abused, so well done. The chainlink fencing fronting the church in the village centre is inappropriate and should be replaced. Your village layout does not expose many back areas and this did not present a problem on adjudication day. You should consider two Fáilte signs on the two principal approaches as they would enhance the village approach.

General Impression:

You have potential to become a high scorer in the competition and your village layout is favourable to your efforts. Do revisit your plan and get the community pulling behind you. It was a most enjoyable and informative experience making a first visit to Ballinadee.

Second Round Adjudication: