

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballymacoda**

Ref: **114**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **218**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	218	213

Overall Developmental Approach:

The map submitted is helpful with adjudication. The outline of your Tidy Towns work programme of activities for the next three years should prove helpful to the committee overall. It is suggested that the community now works on a priority basis. According as goals are achieved this will prove encouraging and will be likely to draw further support from the community at large for the Tidy Towns efforts being made by the Tidy Towns Committee.

The Built Environment:

The general standard of buildings in the village is generally good. The Catholic church is an imposing building and is excellently maintained. It is a strong focal point in the village. The small parish hall is very nicely maintained and as well as serving the community in this way, it is also a good memorial tribute to Padraig Piarais Cundun. The standard of business buildings in the village is generally good.

Landscaping:

The landscaping work in the vicinity of the 1798 memorial is of an excellent standard. It is beautifully maintained. The landscaping in the vicinity of the car park is also of a very high standard. The colourful flower tubs in the church grounds are well attended and also there is very

colourful flower planting on top of the attractive stone wall opposite the Post Office. The flower tubs at the parish hall provide colour in this area of the village. The general landscaping work at the bridge in addition to the memorial area is very impressive. The grass areas here is very neatly trimmed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is noted that you are in discussion with local wildlife officials about this aspect of your programme. The village is located in a rich environmental area and no doubt there are many natural habitats for many species of wildlife, so it would be very desirable if a designated wildlife project could be established. This might take the form of a wetland area or some such idea. It is suggested that you continue to pursue this matter with the appropriate authorities.

Litter Control:

There seemed to be a good level of litter control throughout the village at the time of adjudication. The car park near the church was very clean and completely free of litter. A litter bin is in place in this area. Those areas close by the business premises in the village, including the Post Office, were free of litter. The bridge area and the nearby memorial area were also free of litter. The community should continue to be on the lookout for litter.

Tidiness:

There was overall quite a good level of tidiness throughout the village. The area at the eastern end was indeed very tidy. The green area here, stone work etc. were very well presented; the bridge area being particularly tidy. Areas throughout the village were generally tidy, the church and car park area in particular. Both in the residential areas and in areas of business premises there was a sense of tidiness. The immediate area of the Bring Bank was quite tidy.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens in and around the village were generally well presented. The houses and gardens at O'Neill-Crowley Terrace were well attended to and present a pleasant atmosphere in this area of the village. New housing development in this vicinity was noted. There are many examples of houses and gardens in the vicinity which are carefully attended to. Such effort presents a very favourable image of the community overall. The use of window boxes and hanging baskets in houses where gardens are not attached contribute considerable colour.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village were generally good. The road from Youghal was quite good with colourful tubs in place at the junction. The map provided on the wall in this area of the village is a very good idea. The Knockadoon approach was also well presented with good landscaping etc. The Hill Cemetery is not a pleasant sight. Bearing in mind that it would constitute a fairly large scale project, it is suggested that perhaps this could be tackled on a phased basis. Also consideration may be given to do some cleaning work within the cemetery. No doubt this would probably be a longer term project but like all such projects, a start must be made sometime. The walls of natural stone along the village area look particularly well.

General Impression:

Ballymacoda is a very pleasant village located in a fine rural area. The Tidy Towns committee is succeeding in enhancing the village and considerable improvement are already being brought about. The committee deserves and requires the support of the entire community in their excellent effort. It is hoped that the community as a whole will continue this good work. If the programme which you have now drawn up is acted upon, further success will come.

Second Round Adjudication: