

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyneale**

Ref: **469**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **196**

Category: **A**

Date: **13/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	196	192

Overall Developmental Approach:

Ballyneale Tidy Towns Committee certainly has a large proportion of the community involved with ten people on the committee! Many thanks for your very useful map which was very helpful on the day. Do ensure that for next year's competition you put together a work programme in order to clarify your ideas for the improvement of the village. This document need only be two or three pages long outlining your objectives and setting a timeframe for their achievement. You will find this a useful document as the years go by in order to monitor your progress. It will also prove very useful to the adjudicators to see how you are progressing.

The Built Environment:

The church and grounds looked well. The boundary wall was very fresh although the gates appeared somewhat rusty. These should be treated before next year's competition. New railings were noticed at the top of the boundary wall of the graveyard. These are currently galvanised - would it be possible to paint them? Josie O'Neills premises and the Village Inn both looked very fresh. The school and grounds looked well but the boundary wall could be painted before next year's competition. Ballyneale is indeed fortunate in its wealth of fine stone walling both historical and new. The Thomas Kieley Memorial was well presented.

Landscaping:

New trees were noted behind the car park area at the school and are coming along well. The grass verges in the village centre had been cut but the dead grass had not been removed, which gave it a rather untidy appearance. The marvellous planted bed stretching along the back of the car park area opposite the church looked magnificent, with its colourful displays of daisies, snapdragons and lupins amongst others!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Wild daisies and honeysuckle were noted in the hedgerows on Ballypatrick Road. Your initiative to install bird tables, feeders and nesting boxes at the school is a commendable one. Perhaps you could consider a wildflower garden or erecting a wildlife board indicating wildlife habitats of interest in the locality?

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was generally good, although a couple of papers were noted on the Carrick-on-Suir Road by the children crossing sign. Generally, the village was to a high standard in relation to this category of the competition.

Tidiness:

Generally the village looked quite neat on the day. However, one problem area was graffiti which was noted to the community alert area sign. Try to encourage owners to screen untidy yard areas from public view.

Residential Areas:

Most of the houses along approach roads were well maintained on the day. Of note was an attractive yellow house with its original timber sash windows which is to be greatly commended. The charming house and garden beside the church looked extremely well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The village nameplate on the Carrick-on-Suir Road looked very clean, although the grass verges did not appear to have been cut. The new pavement area at the school was noted and admired. The Ballypatrick Road appeared extremely overgrown which was unfortunate given the fact that this road affords the visitor a magnificent view of the village and church beyond.

General Impression:

Ballyneale is an attractive village which continues to make progress in the competition. Good luck with your future work.