

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyduff Lower**

Ref: **4**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **205**

Category: **A**

Date: **15/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	34	30
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	205	194

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your small committee of six has done marvellous work in maintaining a very high standard which applies in Ballyduff Lower. The village again looked lovely on adjudication day and great credit is due to all concerned. On the basis of your entry form it does not appear that a large amount of new work has been undertaken but, nevertheless, maintenance and small additions here and there are equally important as is keeping up a good standard.

The Built Environment:

Again your public buildings – Church, School and Old School - looked very well this year as did your lovely walls which are a feature of the village.

Landscaping:

Your Village Green looks lovely and the display of flowers in planters and in beds was much admired. The mature trees create a lovely ambience in the village. As mentioned in last year's report, you should try to identify where further tree and shrub planting could take place bearing in mind that when they do take hold there is very little maintenance involved.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Perhaps you might re-visit the comments made in last year's report under this heading. It seems a pity that in a lovely place like Ballyduff Lower, a small wild bird project could not be developed, perhaps in conjunction with the schools as suggested. The Tidy Towns Handbook will also be helpful in this respect.

Litter Control:

Ballyduff Lower was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was some evidence of very minor littering in the school car park but, beyond this, a wonderful effort has been made. Congratulations to all concerned. The bottle bank in the school car park looks well and is obviously being carefully used.

Tidiness:

On adjudication day, the village looked lovely and was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. This reflects greatly the interests which your residents have on the preservation of their environment and they are to be congratulated on it.

Residential Areas:

Houses throughout the village looked lovely and, almost without exception, are being very well maintained. Many have lovely gardens in full bloom and, once again, the house opposite the Green with the lovely flower arrangement has to be mentioned. Individual effort is very important in the competition. You cannot succeed without it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are very nicely presented. In some cases they had been strimmed. Great credit is due to your Local Authority for the condition of road surfaces, pathways and the condition of the car parks. The strimming of approach roads and their general appearance is an important part of the competition as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. The difficulties attached to this for a small committee of six are appreciated but perhaps it is an area where your Local Authority may be able to help or you could secure the services of a FAS worker.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure again to revisit Ballyduff Lower this year. However small they may be, do try to undertake some additional projects for next year particularly in the areas of planting, wildlife and perhaps approach roads and, in the event, details should be submitted with your entry form. Nevertheless excellent work is being done and you are to be congratulated on it.