

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballymacarberry**

Ref: **239**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **240**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	
The Built Environment	40	36	
Landscaping	40	33	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	
Litter Control	40	35	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	27	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	
General Impression	10	8	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>240</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the information sent with the entry form which was most helpful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of your local School, local sponsorship and the County Council, the evidence of which is to be seen in Ballymacarberry. While your plans for the future have been noted do try, as mentioned in last year's report, to prepare a simple development plan based on what you might realistically do over the next 2 or 3 years in co-operation with your partners and within your physical and financial resources. Ballymacarberry is progressing well in the competition but, in a small centre, planning and attention to detail is what is required if further success is to be achieved.

### The Built Environment:

Commercial properties in the village looked very good again this year and the Garda Barracks and Post Office are being well maintained. While your hopes for a new hall are to be encouraged, St Patrick's Hall nevertheless is a major building in the village and will continue to require maintenance for some time to come.

### Landscaping:

As one has come to expect in Ballymacarberry, landscaping throughout the village has been very

nicely presented again this year and is being well maintained. Some lovely displays were to be seen in the vicinities of Dooceys Pub, Melodys Pub and in the housing estates for which great credit is due to all concerned. The planting on the large bank at the new footpath is coming along nicely and will be a lovely feature in a year or two. The picnic area is again nicely presented and individual efforts throughout the village by way of tubs of flowers, hanging baskets, window boxes and containerised plants were much admired. Where possible, and as part of your future planning, do continue to plant trees and shrubs at suitable sites which will give you some colour on an all year around basis and, in the event, are easily maintained.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

This is a heading under which, with careful planning, a number of additional marks can be obtained and it is indeed encouraging to see that you have a Hill Walkers representative on your committee. A small project such as the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables in the village would be a lovely addition as would a Wildlife Board showing what species can be seen locally by hill walkers, visitors, and residents alike.

### **Litter Control:**

Ballymacarberry was litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Your amusing anti-litter signs were admired.

### **Tidiness:**

On adjudication day, the village looked very nice and is being well maintained and reflects great credit on your residents and their interest in their preservation of their living environment.

### **Residential Areas:**

Individual house throughout the village looked very nice and are being well maintained. Housing estates and their open spaces were much admired and, overall, great credit is due to all concerned on another fine presentation. Lovely gardens were in full bloom on adjudication day which added greatly to the general atmosphere of the village.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Great credit is due to your Local Authority for all the work which has been carried out in Ballymacarberry. Road surfaces are excellent and the pathways both old and new are being well maintained. The verges of approach road had been trimmed and strimmed and Melodies car park looked very nice again this year. All involved in this very fine overall presentation are to be congratulated.

### **General Impression:**

While the emphasis in Ballymacarberry is on maintenance it is, nevertheless, gratifying to note that you are planning for the future and that very good work is being done by your Local Authority on your behalf. The continued support of your residents also makes a significant contribution to the overall effort and you are to be congratulated for it. Keep up the good work.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

As Ballymacarberry is a long village this characteristic should be exploited and the roadsides consistently maintained from one village name sign to the other. The standard throughout the village is mixed, varying from seeming neglect to excellent. A landscaped bank was quite weedy. The Garda Station and other buildings which have been well painted created a good impression. St.

Patrick's Hall on the other hand looked a little shabby. Several open yards could have been better. The new residential area was exceptionally neat and tidy. We look forward to returning to Ballymacarberry next year.