

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballyvaughan** Ref: **60**
County: **Clare** Mark: **256**
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	17
Tidiness	30	6
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	256

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your Comprehensive application form and excellent indexed sketch map. Your involvement with Clare County Council and Agencies such as Fas have been very beneficial to your Community. This coupled with the support of other Organisations has helped in producing evenness in the presentation of your entry in this years Competition.

The Built Environment:

On the very few nice bamy evenings experienced this Summer the Village overall was looking splendid with the array of Colour surrounding your very impressive focal point The Fountain in the square. Here one could just set and watch the World go, with many Visitors passing through by Car and Bicycle. Premises which caught the Adjudicators that evening were Logans Lodge, Hylands Burren Bar, Quinns Craftshop, The Burren Pharmacy, all looking fresh and colourful in the evening sunshine. Public Building, The Church and Grounds, The Old School House and Garda Station, were also looking splendid on the evening of Adjudication. Approach Road by the Church however had very uneven surface, in fact this uneven surface was noted throughout the village.

It is noted in your Plan for the future

Landscaping:

The standard observed was excellent, adding plenty of colour and vibrancy to the village. With one exception, the seafront area has wonderful potential and we note in your plan you have identified this as a landscaping project in the future.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

In regard to your plan for the seafront please ensure not to forget the wonderful wildlife associated with the area. Information signs of Wildlife and Natural Amenities should be depicted by Information Signs etc. The Heritage Council will help you to identify wildlife pockets in the immediate area. Continue your process of co-operation with local landowners. The Adjudicator looks forward to seeing the fruits of your work at some time in the future.

Litter Control:

On a very busy evening it was noticeable that there was little or no litter apart from the seafront area which did have some plastic bottles on view. Also noted was the lack of bins. However much we like to spread the gospel "one looks after one's own litter" and the message to everyone is take it with you- this does not always happen.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations and well done to the pupils and teachers in your National School on obtaining the Green Schools Project. Keep up your good work also with the business community and the Council in regard to the most effective means of waste minimisation. This will benefit everybody.

Tidiness:

On the day of adjudication, the kerbside needed weeding as did the pier and also the verges on the approach roads. Overall, however the core of the village was looking neat and tidy on the day of adjudication.

Residential Areas:

The Rent an Irish Cottage scheme was looking splendid on the day, also St Joseph's Road Housing Development. The rest of the private residences in the village were presented to a very good standard and credit is due to the residents who take it upon themselves to look their properties so well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Excellent work was noted on the coast road and the green area here. Also well done on the your new bilingual stone signs which look very impressive and in keeping with your heritage and culture.

General Impression:

Ballyvaughan is making excellent progress in the competition and the Committee is very active in encouraging ongoing improvements. Keep up the good work.