

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYNACALLY**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	--
Litter Control	40	23	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	181	--

Ballynacally, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Ballynacally is welcome back into the Tidy Towns Competition in 1999. We note with interest that your last year of entry was 1995. Thank you for the completed application, map, photographs and your overall Tidy Towns submission, all of this was very useful for adjudication. It is good to note that there is good local support and voluntary effort in the community and your links with FAS and the County Council together with the ESB and others will bear fruit eventually. Good luck in your quest for sponsorship. You are aware of what is unique about your village and you are exploring the different ways of interpreting this for the local community and the visitor. Keep us up to date on developments in this area. Don't forget to use the new Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas and guidelines and for reference.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The refurbishment of the old school / Community Hall is an important project which will add an important element to the quality of the built environment of the village upon completion. Most buildings in the village are well presented. Be vigilant regarding rear and side areas to private properties which can be viewed from the public realm together with forecourt areas and boundary walls.

LANDSCAPING

The shrine looks very well. More planting along the concrete block perimeter wall of the sports grounds would be appropriate. You might like to try some Firethorn for its year round interest and colour. The picnic area looks exceptionally well. Try to keep the base of the trees and village nameplates free of long grass (the nameplate at the Ennis end of the village was overgrown during adjudication)..

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

What a beautiful name, Paradise Woods! This adjudicator looks forward to a walk through Paradise Woods when your wildlife area has been developed and is accessible to the public. The proposed development behind the Council houses will be a valuable amenity feature. Good luck with your plans.

TIDINESS

The village has an overall ambience of tidiness. It was a pity to see all the rubbish bags around the recycling bins, perhaps more recycling bins are necessary here. You are aware of the laws dealing with derelict properties and have started your

journey down this road. Congratulations!

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good and the acquisition of new litter bins should be a great help in your overall litter control management. Are there other elements to your strategy? Perhaps you could share these with us for next year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The terrace of houses near the sports grounds could be cleaned or painted as they are slightly weather stained. Some boundary walls need to be refurbished at the Kildysart end of the village. The forecourt area of the large double fronted residential property in the village centre would look well if resurfaced. A good overall performance under this heading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are generally good throughout the village together with footpaths. Street furniture is well presented also. Do try to have the old-style phone box refurbished. Nameplates look well. Well done on the proposed footpath development and road widening together with repairs to stone walls and of course your aspirations regarding service cables and poles.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Ballynacally was very pleasant and the adjudicators were impressed with your understanding about what is unique about your village and your approach, by asking the various interested bodies for suggestions as to how the features may be preserved. We look forward to the results.