

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	27	23
Landscaping	40	28	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	27	24
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	185

Ballynacally, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Committee is thanked for their fine submission, which is based on their three-year programme of work. This programme is now in its third year. The Committee is to be praised for this approach which is a core requirement of the Competition. Some really excellent work has been achieved in this three-year period, especially the Fair Green, the riverside walk; the restoration of the old school and the painting programme. It is hoped that the Committee will persist in holding onto the Village Renewal Grant Scheme for which approval has already been given. The adjudicators look forward with much interest to a new three-year programme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As already stated, the old school is being renovated as a Centre and work to date is excellent. The building should form a very fine backdrop to the adjoining Fair Green. Also the renovation of a house facing the Fair Green is a credit to the Committee. The adjudicator looks forward to the further completion of the riverside walk.

LANDSCAPING

Excellent work has been done on the riverside walk and the Fair Green. The Committee is urged to carefully consider stone wall construction and reconstruction. Wall faces usually good, pointing in places only fair, but the capping technique is very often unacceptable, using a cement slurry or at times a wide spacing of small stones inserted in this cement slurry. This is unacceptable when compared with the traditional very fine Clare walls.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is important in the choice of trees and shrubs, that they should be indigenous to the local countryside and attractive to wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter evident on the day of adjudication, however the Committee must always remain vigilant in this area.

TIDINESS

An extremely pleasing and tidy ambience to the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some very fine front gardens to the single homes throughout the village and they add immeasurably to the general very pleasant appearance of the village. Similarly with the group housing there is fine attention to the general

front appearance of these houses. Overall both housing types are comparable to the finish of the Fair Green. Possibly a local competition, among front gardens, could be organised by the Committee in order to keep up the visual quality of the present gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Basically this village has only one road – a through road – which can have problems due to traffic. This traffic could still be a problem in future years and therefore the Committee should consider future ameliorative measures.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The consistent attention by the Committee on the approach roads, the village centre and the painting of various houses, has given a most pleasing general impression when entering this village.