

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	209	200

Ballynacally, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submission outlining work on hand and your plans for the future. The illustrated sketch map proved very helpful on adjudication day. You now need a more detailed plan that would outline a programme of works for the next few years. Such a plan should have the support and commitment of the community. Most of the infrastructural requirements relate to small projects that will need private and public co-operation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The planned renovation of the church is good news. In this plan you should include the landscaping of the area between the church and the road. This development will offer you a good opportunity to match the internal development with outside landscaping. The school is again presented to a high standard, together with other buildings e.g. Credit Union, Old School, Community Hall.

LANDSCAPING

This is your strong point and the plethora of attractive flower and shrub displays create a great degree of attractive colour. All of this great work is most commendable and reflects favourably on community spirit. The village green is excellent and well laid out. Both approved roads have fairly large green areas well presented. The abundance of flower displays, hanging baskets and well kept private gardens also enhance your markings in this section.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great opportunity to earn valuable marks in this section. The presence of the fast flowing river is an advantage not shared by other centres. Already your shrubberies are contributing to wildlife. You might consider contacting your local I.W.C. officer - this might lead to the erection of an illustrated display board featuring the popular and prevalent wildlife of the area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good and the streets were generally without litter. The litter-bin at the community hall was overflowing on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to a number of derelict and unoccupied premises in need of attention. The abandoned car at the community hall should be removed. Candy Capers

sign is out of place and should be replaced. The adjacent small garden is excellent.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The local authority houses on the Ennis approach are well presented, although some boundary walls would benefit from painting. In general the standard of housing and presentation is very good. On the approach from Kildysart some walls are broken and need attention. Shannon View Collage is a gem. Farm gates can be quite attractive if painted a strong colour - some have gone rusty and should be tackled for next year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface is good but the surface in the forecourt of the G.A. A. Park should be improved. The Grotto is attractive, but St. Martin's Shrine is a disappointment. The concrete path at the shrine area is dangerous. The Ennis approach is very good and in advance of the village sign there is a well presented stone wall on both sides of the road built in the true traditional style and worthy of careful maintenance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An excellent display once again by Ballynacally. The tree planting and other landscaping of previous years continues to improve the appearance of the village. The village has some attractive traditional features and also recognises its historic and cultural roots. The implementation of a phased plan will further improve your village and raise your marks. Good luck for 2003.