

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballynacally** Ref: **59**
County: **Clare** Mark: **271**
Category: **B** Date(s): **30/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	45
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	22
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	22
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	9
TOTAL MARK	400	271

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your excellent application submission, very helpful map and supplementary information e.g. published strategic plan "World of Possibilities". It is very obvious both from the plan and the work on the ground that the committee has fostered very strong links with Clare County Council and especially Fas. These links and community goodwill have paid off handsomely as the fruits of everybody's labour were viewed on the day in question. A model example of an intergraded approach.

The Built Environment:

Ballynacally is a well presented village and has come to the forefront as a centre in the region with good potential for further success. Premises that looked well include the School, the Church and the G.A.A pitch, Daly, Griffine and Carrig. The summary and update on projects undertaken was noted by the adjudicator who spent some time inspecting same. All these projects have enhanced the village in a positive manner but this short report does not allow one to comment on each individual. There is so much to admire in and around the village and you have raised your marks in this section.

Landscaping:

Well done on the amount of sustainable landscaping in place. This will further benefit with the passing of time. Major work has been undertaken in this category. Excellent arrangements, colourful flower displays in planting areas, containers and hanging baskets strike a wonderful balance throughout Ballynacally. A myriad of colour greeted the adjudicator on the day of adjudication. Well done to all concerned.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Planting undertaken throughout the village is of great benefit to wildlife in the area.

What wonderful areas in the village for wildlife preservation: the bridge, the Rose Lovers Bench area, along with the adjacent fields, the wonderful riverside walk to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and St. Martin's shrine and the Square all combine to support wildlife in the area.

Litter Control:

The village was clean on adjudication day. Once again, one has to admire your commitment to good litter control and this is very obvious that your message is getting through to the local community. Litter bins were well positioned and seemed adequate in numbers.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a reasonably new category, which needs to be addressed under the National Tidy Towns Competition. The Race Against Waste is a campaign in raising awareness of litter waste management practices. The emphasis here is on reduction, recycling and re-use. Overall, a very good performance and credit in this instance is to the residents. It is very evident that house owners are co-operating with your efforts.

Tidiness:

Again, a very good mark achieved in this year's competition. Your innovative approach to your derelict area in the village is to be admired and could not be copied by many other towns and villages, which are faced with this common problem. However, keep this area checked, repainting and general clean-up eg. Weedgrowth would be advised. The notice board alongside this building needs replacing! The village green area was presented to a very high standard.

Residential Areas:

Overall, a very good performance and credit in this instance is to the residents. It is very evident that house owners are taking lots of pride in their village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads were of a very good standard. As mentioned previously the landscaping is to a very high standard. Road surfaces were good throughout, however, some attention needs to be given by the Bridge area to uneven surface areas close to the Bridge Walls. Side and back entrances now form an important part of the competition.

General Impression:

The village looked well on adjudication day and the many areas with good floral displays present a welcoming image to visitors. It is apparent that the community is backing your efforts to present the village to a high standard and we wish you well for 2008.