

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLYLONGFORD**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	28	24
Landscaping	40	25	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	23	19
Tidiness	20	13	10
Residential Areas	30	16	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177	176

Ballylongford, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

With a large group of 15 people in the tidy towns committee there will be considerable opportunity to make good strides over the next few years. The Fas involvement could be vital to develop interesting projects. Some detailed planning is now needed to outline all the potential – even listing all derelict sites and places where there are opportunities for improvement will create a focus for work and give motivation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and school together with their ground offer a great asset. The Centra shop with its many gas cylinders outside and the current state of the Texaco garage do not enhance the village especially since they are at such a strategic place by the intersection. A little improvement there will go a long way. The old mill is picturesque by the river. Are there possibilities of displaying it better without major structural work ?

LANDSCAPING

The church grounds are nicely treated. More tree planting is possible and in time this area could become a focal point in Ballylongford. Some individual gardens are very well cared for and these add greatly to the overview of Ballylongford. The picnic area is well cared for although a dead tree needs to be replaced there. Some treatment of the space to either side of the Garda station would be welcome.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The old mill area and riverside must offer interesting wildlife potential. Some help should be enlisted in this respect to avail of the potential. Many interesting wild plants will be found in such areas and studies would be revealing.

LITTER CONTROL

Keeping areas litter free is a national problem as you will understand. The main street had a fair amount of litter on adjudication day. Extra planning and co-operation is needed to reduce this difficult problem. Derelict sites tend to harbour such litter simply because nobody has responsibility for them.

TIDINESS

Except for the litter in places and the derelict sites, there is a neat appearance about and one would know that there was “tidy towns care” about. Some corrugated iron sheeting

opposite the church is unattractive. The design of the gate and railings at the church is interesting and novel.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residences are well tended and it is nice to see so much residential premises close to the village centre. Every individual can contribute by caring for their home and surrounds whether they are part of the Tidy Towns movement or not and the overall benefits are great.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces are poor in a number of places and some pressure should be brought to bear on the relevant authorities in this regard. The monument to Lieut. Eddie Carmody has sunk into the background and maybe a little more prominence in some way would be helpful. The removal of overhead wires in many places is now taking place and this should become an objective here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An impression of a village where there is a good sense of appreciation of improvement and where the ample opportunities will be fulfilled in time by the generation of enthusiasm from the large tidy towns committee. A plan is a priority.