

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Ballylongford** Ref: **326**  
County: **Kerry** Mark: **196**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **09/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	22
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>196</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Ballylongford is welcome back to the Tidy Towns National competition after its absence last year.

### **The Built Environment:**

The improvement of the derelict buildings from 2005 is a great achievement and it is hoped that this will continue. The restoration at Carrigafoyle Castle is very well done and the wooden doors particularly allowed the visitor to really feel what it would be like to have been in the castle when it was in use.

### **Landscaping:**

The landscaping undertaken on the entry from Tarbert at Cordon's cross is very well done. The rustic looking chairs are a great addition and the trees planted along here provide a wonderful vista leading into the village. The use of stone also complements the landscaping and surrounding natural areas. The Ballylongford entry and exit signs are appealing and well landscaped. Doctors Cross has been wonderfully landscaped and adds great appeal to the area. The grounds of Lislaughtin Abbey and graveyard are well maintained.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The construction of the seaside walk at Carrigafoyle Castle is greatly anticipated and we hope to see it included in Castlegregory 2008 submission for Tidy Towns.

### **Litter Control:**

Generally Castlegregory did not have much litter on the day of adjudication. However, there were some litter trap areas, in drains and gutters that had litter. These areas accumulate rubbish and need to be checked on a

regular basis.

**Waste Minimisation:**

It is good to see that your school is working towards their first green flag. Part of this will be looking at waste minimisation. Perhaps a project could be created with the school for them to educate the wider community on waste minimisation strategies such as reducing and recycling waste. Promotion of composting is also another objective that could be undertaken for residents in Ballylongford. The recycling bin area was very tidy and well kept and easily accessible.

**Tidiness:**

The car park opposite Spar was very clean and the hedge was well manicured. It was good to see seating available for passing tourists or residents to use. The area around the Community Centre requires some weeding. It appears the weeds around the Garda station have been sprayed. This area would be a good place for landscaping. The church and school grounds were to a very high standard.

**Residential Areas:**

Most residential areas were very well kept and the gardens were in full bloom painting an appealing picture. The new housing estate is brightly painted and the paving brick used help maintain the village appeal.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The replacement of concrete with paving brick in Well st is aesthetically pleasing. Some areas of road and footpaths need structural attention but most were free of weeds.

**General Impression:**

Ballylongford has much potential and the improvement or renovation of previously derelict buildings is a step towards this. The work that has been done in landscaping the two cross areas is greatly commended.