










PURPOSE: An appraisal of overall signage and clarity of design intent throughout Ballinahown Village in support of the preparation for the visit to the village by adjudicators for the **Entente Florale Europe Assessment**
















Ballinahown Signage Appraisal

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1. Church / Carpark / Community Area : Five information signs – remove two – [Clonmacnoise & School house]. (Amalgamate latter to hall)						
#	Photo				Comment / Priority	Cost
1	   				1. Signs to be cleaned/replaced 2. Irish to be written into signs, (if replaced). 3. Structures to be painted. 4. Complete stonework 5. Signs to be located so as to be accessible to all.	3 New signs: 1,500.00 Stonework 3,500.00 Relocate & paint signs 500.00
						€ 5,500.00
2	   				1. Complete for the day the bull/man sculpture with rope. 2. Consider removing PV panel to pond 3. Paint all steelwork; refresh planting; remove Victorian light.	100.00 n/a 500.00
						€ 600.00
3.	   				1. The linearity of the village needs addressing. 2. Remove unnecessary signage. 3. Village lighting to be cohesive 4. Reconsider seating at bus stop, accessibility and usability.	n/a 1,000.00
						€ 1,000.00
4.	   				1. Signage within corner lacks interpretation; reconfigure. 2. Structures to be re-stained. 3. Erect new signage 4. Repair brickwork and remove flat timber seating	New Signs and maintenance work: 3,000.00 -----
					OVERALL TOTAL	€ 10,100.00

2. Slí an Abhainn - One information signs – Relocate to side of space			
#	Photo	Comment / Priority	Cost
	  	1. Tidy to rear of Hall, consistency of colour throughout. 2. Open up views into poly tunnel? 3. Remove unnecessary signs or reorganise to greater utility/clarity of intent	500.00 500.00 500.00
			€ 1,500.00
	 	1. 1916 signs to be considered as viewed from rear 2. Irish to be written into signs, (if replaced) 3. Structures to be painted? 4. 1916 Information sign to be near pathway for ease of access	500.00 300.00
			€ 800.00
	 	1. Sign to recycling area to be relocated. 2. Insert additional curved seat 3. General signs within community board are contradictory [current]. 4. Accentuate the QR codes locally	100.00 900.00 200.00
			€ 1,200.00
	 	1. The message of the timber structures to be refined? 2. Structures to be stained/given pointed hats / terminated 3. Integrate lighting into piers to light sculptures at nighttime?	500.00 1,000.00 ----- 1,500.00
		OVERALL TOTAL	€ 5,000.00

3. Sports Area / Fairy Forest - Six information signs – Remove Six						
#	Photo				Comment / Priority	Cost
					1. The gable of the changing rooms is visually prominent; needs cleaning up 2. Reconsider colour of changing rooms to dark shade? 3. Remove unnecessary signage?	1,000.00 3,000.00 500.00
						€ 4,500.00
					1. Remove unnecessary signage? 2. Regularise/organise access signage to artificial play area? 3. Fix/repair benches	500.00 1,000.00
						€ 1,500.00
					1. The entrance to fairy forest is very successful, keep simple and replicate at 'exit'? 2. Remove unnecessary signs or re-erect well and level 3. More fairy homes?	1,000.00 500.00
						€ 1,500.00
					1. The colours of all gates (only) to be red? 2. Repair benches; provide backs 3. Regularise signage to public road on main gate.	1,000.00 1,000.00 300.00 ----- 2,300.00
					OVERALL TOTAL	€ 9,800.00

4. Playground / Bio-Diversity Park - Eleven information signs – Remove three – Redo Five – Use three removed to do Apiary signs				
#	Photo	Comment / Priority	Cost	
	  	1. The access area to be visually cleaned up? 2. Gates in red all else in dark grey 3. Seating at entrance, bike stands?	1,000.00 1,000.00	
			€ 2,000.00	
	   	1. The information boards to be redone? 2. Structures to be painted	2,500.00	
			€ 2,500.00	
	   	1. Consider use and colour of shelters? 2. Remove unnecessary signs (reuse for Apiary/bee area) 3. Repair all access steps 4. Plant trees around picnic areas to emphasise shelter	1,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00	
			€ 3,000.00	
	  	1. Face seats in direction of view? 2. General cleaning up around theatre area required. 3. Facilitate cycling pathway? 4. Sign for mill stone too prominent?	9,000.00 -----	
		OVERALL TOTAL	€ 14,500.00	