

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TINRYLAND**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	19
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	154

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Although you have not submitted a 3/5 year plan of action for Tinryland, a strategy for developing the village's strong points and, indeed tackling problem areas is important for next year's competition. This should be based on the constructive remarks made in this report and enlisting the help of the local authority to formulate a programme for the village. The enthusiasm is obviously there and your future achievements will be of great benefit to the community as a whole.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Perhaps the best approach to this issue of wildlife/natural amenities would be to contact local environmental groups and experts who could advise you and provide you with the information you need to tackle this broad-ranging issue. From there you can then identify the wildlife habitats of your area and see what varieties of animals, birds, fish and plantlife these attract. Involve the local schoolchildren in this project - they will hopefully bring a fresh enthusiasm for the wealth of wildlife in their locality.

LANDSCAPING

The village had a high standard of landscaping presentation on adjudication day. The straw-clad pump looked well, although perhaps tiles or cobbles could replace the bare concrete base. The stone wall and snapdragon-filled flowerbed opposite the school looked extremely well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings of the village of Tinryland looked very well on the day. The charming granite National School with its colourful flowerboxes to the windows was admired, although the weeds to the base of the boundary wall were unfortunate. The boundary wall to the adjacent outbuilding was rather stained with green algae. As mentioned in last year's report, the hand ball alley is in a very prominent location and therefore should be presented to a higher standard. It needs to be replastered, and more weeds were noted to the base. The shop was well presented, with colourful hanging baskets and an attractive side garden. The window-stickers gave a rather cluttered appearance. Perhaps the plastic sign could be replaced with something more appropriate. The Church was reasonably well presented although it should be freshened before next year's competition, as it is staining quite badly. The adjacent outbuilding was also rather badly stained.

LITTER CONTROL

The town was virtually litter-free. A small amount was noted along the main street.

TIDINESS

Weed control seems to be a problem area that needs to be addressed. Weeds were noted in several locations, including at the base of the handball alley, the school boundary wall and the base of the stone wall leading up to the Church.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There were some extremely well presented houses and gardens in the village. The houses and gardens of St. Martin's Avenue looked extremely well. One house was in the process of being painted. The open space to the end of the terrace needs some thoughts in terms of landscaping, although that at the top end was beautifully simply presented. The open space to St. Joseph's Terrace looked quite desolate, with its vandalised benches, and weeds to the gravelled forecourt area. However, the houses and gardens looked well. The perspex telephone boxes were stained. The fresh houses to the road leading from the village back to the main road looked magnificent with some delightful gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category could have been better. The verges on the school side of the village were quite overgrown - the "Children Crossing" sign was nearly obscured. While one speed limit sign was missing, the other was quite fresh. The junction sign on the approach road to the main road was quite battered and grubby. The side approach roads were also very overgrown. The wild poppies and daisies at the junction with the main road, looked magnificent.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Tinryland is an attractive one, with a magnificent backdrop of the mountains. The main space in the village is under-utilised. The area to the front of the Church and hand ball alley, with sensitive landscaping, would make a terrific public space for the village.