

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TULLAHOUGHT**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	38
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to read in the application form of the support, both financial and practical, from the local community; and also of the co-operation of the County Council and other official organisations. The plans for future development are impressive. In your application form and map for next year, please be sure to differentiate between (a) projects completed during the intervening twelve months, (b) ongoing projects, and (c) proposed projects. Section C (Nominations for Awards) was not received this year. The rules of the Tidy Towns Competition, which is specifically judged on areas located between the town (or village) name-plates, or between the 30 MPH signs, may be unfair to Tullahought, where a very large tract of country containing a comparatively small population, is entered. It may be that a different kind of competition - for a Parish or District perhaps - would be better suited to the needs and aspirations of this committee. This matter will be examined in the light of comments on your application form, but for the current year the Competition as at present constituted will be adhered to.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A nominal mark is being given in the first year under this heading for committees which have not had time to initiate specific projects. Your continuing maintenance of hedgerows and verges has been noted.

### LANDSCAPING

The recently created flower beds at the cross-roads to the north of the village are of exceptional quality. The choice of plants, their arrangement, and the excellent fencing, constitute a very fine permanent display. Other planting at numerous points - your map has been very helpful in locating these - was admired, especially at the village pump. Tree planting might be considered along parts of the central road where timber is not already in existence.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School were again very well maintained. The forge restoration project is ideal for this kind of community. There are no buildings of architectural importance other than these. Business premises are unexceptional.

### LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no disposable litter on adjudication day. No other known village committee collects rubbish along a five-mile stretch of roads. Congratulations.

### TIDINESS

Tullahought was looking very tidy. There was an enviable absence of weed growth on verges in the central area.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual homes were well looked after. There are some very nicely kept village houses with dormers. Several fine farms were seen in the neighbourhood. The use of whitewash was excellent.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some road surfaces are very poor indeed. There is some dereliction, but in general this has been reasonably well tidied up. Well-painted gates, and well kept entrances, were favourably noted in several locations. The Car Park at the church was well looked after, with a splendid stone wall. Wall restorations are impressive.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

An extraordinarily comprehensive effort over a very picturesque pastoral and sylvan countryside, resulting in a well-kept district of which the residents may be justly proud. It may be that if the resources were concentrated on the village area, the impact would be greater and more noticeable.