

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOONTUSKERT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	31
The Built Environment	40	32
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	222

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns Entry Form and for the detailed information contained therein. We were pleased to see that your main interest in the competition is for your own pleasure. This in fact should be the case for all entrants. We believe that it is very important that each Town be improved for the sake of its own residents and secondly, the visitor. The absence of a plan will not hinder your marks this year. But if possible start working on a 3/5 year Development Plan for next year. Do not be over ambitious and set yourselves realistic goals.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new format for this years Tidy Towns Competition seeks information on the conservation of wildlife area. May we suggest you make contact with the local Environmental Officer or so other competent person to advise you on the gathering of information on local animals, bird habitats and wild flowers. One project suggested is the planting of native berry producing trees and shrubs to provide bird food.

LANDSCAPING

You are presenting your open spaces to a very good standard. The flower tubs and trees are most attractive.

The Pump and Grotto area looks most attractive and the flower bed here is very colourful. There is plenty of street furniture throughout the Village and they are well maintained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We have noted your comments regarding the School and hope you will be successful in securing funding for a new School. What plans do you have for the old one. We hope it will not just be left vacant and fall into dereliction. You should continue to improve its exterior as it is such a focal point of the Estate. The Cemetery is maintained to an excellent standard. It is one of the best presented Graveyards we have seen. The outside of the shop could be tidied up a little. The football pitch is also well maintained.

LITTER CONTROL

The Village looked very neat and tidy on adjudication day. The children are to be commended for their hard work. It is very obvious that everybody takes great pride in their Village.

TIDINESS

Weed control was good and in general the Village is presented to a good standard and looks most attractive. The picnic area deserves special mention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses at the Estate looked neat and tidy with the gardens nicely kept. There are also some well maintained houses on the approach roads. It is very important that each house owner maintain their own property to a high standard. There are some houses throughout that need more attention to detail. There is no need for us to name them; everybody knows what they must do.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance to the Village from Ballyleague looks very welcoming and appealing. You have been very active since last year. There is great work being done by FAS at the Graveyard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It would appear that there is a great community spirit in your village and that you are all very committed to the success of the Competition. Your Village is so compact that it should be very easy to succeed in the Competition in future. Keep up your excellent work and we look forward to returning again sometime.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/96)

The village is quite charming and very impressive in terms of presentation, with an abundance of mature trees throughout. It looked extremely neat, fresh and tidy on the day. It is a peaceful green area, where the piles of turf and indeed the aroma of turf fires added to the atmosphere created. Verges throughout the village were nicely cut and the relatively new copper beech trees on the Lanesborough road were coming along nicely. Street furniture throughout was beautifully maintained and restoration work was underway to the stone wall behind the graveyard. Landscaped areas throughout Cloontuskert were absolutely pristine and beautifully manicured. The picnic area behind the grotto with its log benches, attractive rose bushes, stone wall, relatively new trees (and indeed mature cedars) and timber sculpture on a raised grass base looked magnificent. The freshly painted bungalows of the tree-lined avenue leading up to the school with their beautifully maintained gardens (in particular that one extending onto the laneway beside the graveyard) looked enchanting and colourful. The cross to the central archway, the plinth and the window cills to the school could be freshly painted. The nasturtiums, roses and daisies looked particularly colourful.