

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TUBBERCURRY**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>158</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Some of the sections in the application form were submitted incomplete, namely sections 3,4,5b,. The development plan submitted by the Committee is good, although you need to submit more information as it is difficult to judge the strategy which you are proposing to implement. For example, you do not list any involvement with the local schools or tourism officer. The number of people involved in your committee seems very low for a town with a population the size of Tubbercurry. Perhaps you can focus on improving your co-ordination with residents groups or church and school groups.

Generally, the strategy for the various areas as outlined in your plan is very commendable.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You appear to have no section in the town dealing with the category of wildlife. This should become a part of your action plan, i.e. the development of areas for wildlife within the town.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The colourful display of flowers in the town centre is very commendable. The town square looked very impressive on adjudication day, and was well maintained. the floral display outside the Super Valu was impressive, as was the high standard of maintenance in the Town Square.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Much of the town is being well maintained, in particular Leonards Hardware store, the Bank of Ireland. There has been a great uptake in the use of traditional shopfronts in the town and this creates a very strong impression of a traditional town to the first time visitor.

Some areas requiring a fresh coat of paint are AIB, Eugenes Hair Design and Lenas Salon. The Super Valu shop was excellently presented, and was Coen's pharmacy. The Traditional Restaurant and Bar needs freshening up and the signage and flags outside are overwhelmingly large. Signage at Mickey Bretts is also in need of attention. There is still a problem with dereliction on Hubert street and The Lane, but it is hoped that this will be renewed in time.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some litter evident in front of the Spar shop as in the previous years adjudication, and also outside the school grounds and in front of Murphys B&B. There was also dumping evident on the right hand side coming into the town from the Boyle Road. You need to make a concerted effort with regard to litter in the Town. It seems that a lot of litter was overflowing out of bins which were not emptied. You should contact the Council to arrange for more frequent collection of litter from these bins, and be especially vigilant on summer weekends.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a good standard of tidiness in the town with few problem areas. The main areas which appear to be causing difficulties are the kerbsides along the Boyle Road, and along the Sligo Road. There was dumping in a field along the Boyle road on the right-hand side approaching the town. The Memorial Park grounds were poorly-presented, with the walls and ironwork in need of paint and the entrance very weedy. You will have to try to co-ordinate better efforts through the GAA. The standard of private premises is very good and you should encourage the local community to concentrate of roadside areas and public spaces.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of residential buildings in the town is high. The only area which requires work is the housing estate on the Sligo Road, which was mentioned in last years report. These houses and boundary walls badly require painting.

The by-pass road presents a view of unsightly back gardens and derelict yards. This area could be greatly improved by painting old walls and clearing weeds.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach into the town is well maintained, with great effort visible in the form of tree planting and floral displays. There are some back areas around Hubert Street as mentioned earlier which require renewal. There were overgrown stone walls from the Sligo approach and these should be cleaned and weeded to create an attractive approach to the town. Rusty wire fencing should be removed or planted with shrubs. The tree-planting on the Galway road is coming along nicely. Some boundary walls on the Boyle road need paint and others are in a state of disrepair and should be improved. The trees here looked well. The grass verges along the by-pass were not mown this year, creating an untidy impression on adjudication day. You will have to co-ordinate an early mowing regime with the County Council, as many tourists pass this way and will not have a favourable impression of the town. The new paving opposite the Town Square looks well and there is a high quality to the streetscapes in and around the Town centre. A concerted effort on litter is required.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Town has come a long way in a relatively short period of time, and the general impression of the Town is good. There are some problems with dereliction which will require time to solve. As a tourist Town the general ambience is very welcoming and provided that problem areas are addressed, Tubbercurry can expect to increase its rating in the competition in the coming years.