

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLOW**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	29
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	195

Tullow, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your comprehensive plan for the next 5 years which was submitted. You would appear to have established a good working relationship with the County Council which will be of great help in achieving your objectives in the years ahead. Also it was good to note that you are liaising with other agencies in your pursuit of achieving results to improve your town for the community and visitors alike. You now have a strategy for dealing with the towns strong points and its negative ones. Some of your objectives for 1997 have been achieved and no doubt this will continue throughout the year. Your Committee is small in number and has a lot of ground to cover. Do encourage other clubs and organisations in the town to assist you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The appearance of public buildings was good. The Church and its grounds were well presented throughout and there was a nice shrub area in front of both doors. The Town Hall and schools were again well presented. The boundary wall of the Garda Station hopefully will receive attention during the year and action has been initiated which is to be commended. The Community School wall would need to have weeds removed from it. Many of the commercial property owners made great efforts to present their buildings well. The Museum was well presented to the front but the area to the back needs attention. It may be useful to get advice on how to present this, the square area and the streets off it. Your Committee might encourage bilingualism in signage where appropriate.

LANDSCAPING

Your landscaping programme is progressing nicely. The monument area in the Square is simply presented with the seating in good condition. The planting at the Fire Station is to be commended. All trees planted are maturing nicely. The Church car park flower/shrub bed needs to be properly maintained. It is important that open sites are cared for and maintained. It was most useful for the Committee to get advice on this aspect and no doubt it will prove to be most beneficial.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You did take up the comment made last year about involving the local schools in this project. This is excellent progress and, with the Conservation Volunteers of Irelands help and assistance, will prove to be of great help in identifying and getting your wildlife habitats established. Their plan is attainable with the involvement of all members of the community. The pupils of the School are to be congratulated on their response to this initiative. Well done !

LITTER CONTROL

You have established a comprehensive anti-litter campaign which is to be commended. Your map identifying the location of existing litter bins and new ones is most impressive. The Committee have appraised existing litter prevention and control and made changes to achieve a higher standard. Some litter was observed on the steps to the river and by the Museum side of the river. Some pieces were evident in Pairc Mhuire and in the housing areas. Litter control is very good with the exception of those areas mentioned.

TIDINESS

As indicated in last years report the problem area continues to be with weed control at kerbs, walls, some buildings and in the housing estates. Open spaces, yards and gates need attention. The car park had weeds on the surface.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is a large area for your Committee to control and develop. Sending circulars to the residents in January and April was an excellent idea and some very good and useful points were made. Overall the standard is being maintained but can and will need to be improved. Any shrub beds will need to be properly maintained in all housing estates. Attention to weeds at kerbs is a must. Open spaces to be kept cut and neat. Boundary walls need painting in some instances as do railings and gates. Grass to be trimmed around name signs.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

If and when planning new footpaths do take into account the needs of persons with disabilities. Footpaths need replacing in some areas of the town. Signage needs cleaning and in some cases replacement. Control of weeds at kerbs needs attention in all areas. The approach roads were trimmed and neat looking.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your Committee are now going about their task in a very organised fashion. Your efforts to involve all sectors of the Community in the presentation of Tullow is commendable. You have done a lot of work on your plan, focusing on making residents, the commercial sector and the public sector organisations aware of their responsibilities in helping to achieve results in the years ahead.