

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TYNOCK**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	204

Tynock, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You continue to do great work with only four persons on your committee. You need more help. Do encourage other local organisations to give you a hand. All Tidy Towns committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide your activities over the next few years. The plan should be a simple one and set out clearly your objectives to be covered. Keep it short. Do discuss this with the Tourism Officer for the County who will have some useful advice to give. A good relationship has been established with FAS and you appear to have a good blend of participants on the scheme. Do continue to liaise with Carlow County Council. Thank you for the map - it was most helpful on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church building was well maintained, as were the grounds to the front. There was rubble at the back which needs to be removed. The shrub beds towards the back also need attention. The School building looked well but the wall needs freshening. The pump at the school wall would need some more shrubs. Sheilas Shop was nicely presented and it was good to note that the owners co-operate with the Tidy Towns Committee - well done !

LANDSCAPING

The open space in front of the housing estate was well presented. The shrubs are maturing at a good rate. Pay some attention to weeding. The new flower bed on the Hacketstown road at the Welcome sign was very nice and should be stunning looking when more mature. Trees are important plants in a village landscape. Do study where to place any trees in the village or on the approach roads carefully. Choose native species on the outskirts and ornamental types in or near the centre. The flower in the container at the pump did not look too healthy on adjudication day but perhaps the unseasonal weather did not help.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your policy as outlined in your application is working well. The hedgerows must have an abundance of grassland habitats. The wildflowers were not in bloom this year but the woodbine should be flowering shortly. An appropriate cutting regime would be required to encourage wildflowers which would allow self-seeding flowers to flourish. Do discuss this and other options for the promotion of wildlife in preparing your plan for the next few years.

LITTER CONTROL

Again this year your litter control is good but there were some pieces at the railing past the shop. It was great to see school children involved in a litter control programme for your village.

TIDINESS

Remove weeds around trees and at the railing opposite the School. Boundary walls need painting in some areas. Gates into fields in the village and outskirts to be painted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The trees in the housing estate are maturing nicely. Some walls need to be painted to improve the appearance overall. New houses which are being built will no doubt feature landscaped grounds and boundary walls/railings as appropriate. Other properties were well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some resurfacing needs to be done and especially on the left at the rear of the housing estate. Attention needs to be given to gates leading into fields. No doubt, with encouragement the owners will do the necessary work to them. Again pot holes need to be filled. Some signs need cleaning as pointed out last year.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tynock is a neat and tidy place in a delightful rural setting. You are doing wonderful work with only four people - do encourage more to help you. The work you do is of great benefit to the village and the community.