

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TUAMGRANEY**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	27
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	203	199

Tuamgraney, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The village has improved since 1996 with, no doubt, the more focused approach, following the excellent Strategic Environmental Improvement Plan (1996 - 2001) submitted with the completed entry form. The wildlife project and litter awareness campaign has also had an effect. If the development association can continue their effort and involve the community in implementing their work programme for the duration of the plan, then Tuamgraney will be much enhanced by 2001.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both St. Cronan's historic church and the O'Grady Castle are being well-maintained. The national school and nearby St. Joseph's Church look well. Commercial properties in the village are generally being well-maintained, e.g. Bleach's Supermarket & Filling Station, B & B's, McKernan's Handweavers, Hassetts and O'Connells bars. However, some properties facing on to the memorial park are disappointing. The Enterprise Centre on the Bodyke road could be improved but given the diversity of enterprises there, this may take a little effort.

LANDSCAPING

The Memorial park is most attractive and is being well-maintained and is an excellent focus for the village. Credit is due to those responsible for keeping it looking so attractive. The additional tree-planting and shrubs were noted. The landscaping on the Killaloe approach road in progress was also duly noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is considerable potential and scope from a wildlife and natural amenities viewpoint in exploiting the area along the approach road to Reddan's Harbour, around the harbour area itself and along the path linking this area with the very attractive harbour at Scarriff. Under this heading the emphasis is on the Conservation and the enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment. Woodlands, rivers, ponds, hedgerows, grass margins, open spaces, graveyards and walls are important habitats. You should identify the habitats in your area and then determine the appropriate actions to conserve and enhance same.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was reasonably free of litter on the day of adjudication and it was encouraging to see local volunteers out clearing gravel, etc. from along the footpaths and generally tidying up the area in the vicinity of the Castle.

TIDINESS

The village was again neat and tidy and, as pointed out last year, the derelict and vacant properties remain and the timber yard on the Killaloe road is still there. However, the area around the

Enterprise Centre is somewhat better and the footpaths in the village have been resurfaced.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential property is again well presented. On the Killaloe road existing properties look well and the two new houses under construction will hopefully further enhance this area when they have been completed and the surrounds landscaped, etc.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches to Tuamgraney are improving. The development plans proposed improvements to the Harbour access road and the area connecting the two harbours and this will be welcomed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall improvements in Tuamgraney are beginning to have an effect and the development plan, if followed through with cross-community support, will prove worthwhile. It would appear that the commitment is there to achieve the objectives as they have been set out.