

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	32
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>222</b>

## **Cloontuskert, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Cloontuskert is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. This tiny village is located on a busy thoroughfare, yet it has reached a standard of presentation which is very difficult to reach without the resources normally only available to larger communities. This small community is to be applauded for its commitment to their environment. The village has some unusual features and these have been presented at their best. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and for your development plan. We wish you well in future projects and look forward to many repeat visits to your lovely village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most properties were presented to a very high standard and indeed the arched entrances featuring the cross are beautifully painted. One or two gable walls are in need of attention. The points that have been made in previous years regarding 'Trautts' shop are still applicable. The corrugated roof to the old property on the main road which can be seen on leaving the cemetery should be repainted as it is an important focal point.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your landscaping programme might be extended to screen the farm outbuildings which can be seen on entering the village from the Strokestown road. Landscaping throughout the village is superb, well done. The landscaped area featuring the bog oak sculpture piece and stone work are very beautiful indeed. The young hedgerow planted along the wire and post fencing will take the bare look from this fencing and improve it visually as the hedgerow matures.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Perhaps an appropriate wildlife project to adopt, might be to feature a seasonal display of local wildflowers on verges on approach roads. This will require verges to be managed specifically to encourage wildflower growth. It is recommended that a wildlife survey of the immediate environs of the village be undertaken and future wildlife projects be based on this survey.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is excellent throughout the village. Well done!

### **TIDINESS**

Your difficulty with the state of the road subsequent to Telecom work being carried out is appreciated and no doubt this problem will be rectified in the not too distant future. Do try to keep weed growth at bay at the beautiful stone wall at the cemetery. Tidiness is good throughout, there are a number of sites which could do with a little more attention, however given the dedication of the committee to their village these problems will be resolved in the not too distant

future.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private dwellings are generally well presented however a few boundary walls looking out onto the cemetery need to be repainted.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The large stones marking entrances to the village look well. Do try to keep road signs clean, for example the 'Caution Children Crossing' sign was in need of cleaning on adjudication day. The 'Community Alert' sign also needs to be cleaned. Work in progress regarding the construction of a stone wall at the graveyard has been noted. We look forward to seeing the completed job next year.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Cloontuskert is a splendid village which beautifully compliments the surrounding countryside.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (5/8/97)**

Congratulations on another fine presentation! This adjudicator always treasures a visit to Cloontuskert as the design composition of the village is scarcely rivalled. It is indeed symbolic that the school is the focus of the plan. The creation of a new school and conversion of the existing for community use will present you with an interesting challenge. The grass verges throughout the estate were immaculately mown and edged. On the other hand a few areas to the side of houses were not up to scratch. There is still further scope to develop the central space - maybe this will be taken on board when the school develops a new use. It is recommended that formal, symmetrical tree planting be introduced in the school yard to further compliment the built symmetry. It is noted that painting has been undertaken at the school since last year. The grave yard wall was in progress; the stone work is of a commendably high standard. The main road in general appeared well taken care of although some individual properties could have been better. The history of the village incorporated in your 3 / 5 year plan is most interesting and informative.