

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULSK**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	16
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	162	156

Tulsk, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Tulsk is welcome the 1997 Tidy Towns competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and details of your development plan together with details of work to date. It is good to note the proposal for the Heritage Centre and grant aid for this; we wish you well in your fund-raising to match the grant aid. A lot work has been accomplished for the village to date. Much of the landscaping is as yet still immature and has not yet made its impact on the appearance of the village, but as it matures it will do so. Thank you for your continued participation, we look forward to many repeat visits to your village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church looks well but it's boundary wall together with the adjoining boundary wall to the national school needs to be either cleaned and/or painted. The freshly painted community hall looks attractive also. The 'Kelly's' premises looks particularly well and its colour scheme is most attractive. Landscaping in its carpark is quite beautiful. Perhaps the protruding plastic signs can now be removed from the Kelly's premises as these detract from an otherwise excellent appearance. The National Lottery people now provide a newer more slimline type of Lotto sign. The Spar sign is too large and the HB sign is quite faded in appearance. Plastic signage on the Foodstore should also be replaced. The boundary wall of the Garda station needs to be upgraded.

LANDSCAPING

You might consider extending your landscaping programme to include some tree planting behind the new stone boundary wall at the sports grounds. Newly landscaped areas around the village are a worthwhile undertaking and their full impact will be tremendous as they mature. Some tree planting inside the boundary wall of the green area to the roadside of the mart might be appropriate. The shrubs here are maturing well. The small traffic island at the road junction of the Boyle/Roscommon/Castlebar road etc. might now be landscaped. Your landscape plans are ambitious and admirable and we look forward to landscaping and other developments around the handball alley.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your plans to restock the wildlife sanctuary with seventy five mallard is ambitious. Do keep us informed next year as to your progress here. Perhaps a wildlife survey of the area could be undertaken. This could form the basis of any future wildlife projects which you may choose to implement.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, your efforts in this regard are paying dividends. Do try to maintain improve upon this standard throughout

the year.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness. However, some aspects of untidiness were prevalent; dead weeds for example along the base of the new low stone wall at the sports grounds was a problem. Weed growth should always be eliminated, even when dead, as it looks unsightly. Don't forget to remove all traces of building materials when construction work has ceased.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new residential developments look promising, no doubt gardens here will be finished to a high standard. A namestone might be provided at the entrance from the main road and do remember to keep kerbs free of weed growth.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads had been neatly trimmed in time for adjudication although the finish was not quite as it might have been. You may like to consider featuring a seasonal display of local wildflowers on the verges of approach roads; this will require careful planning and management and will certainly require that grass cuttings be removed as these enrich the soil and inhibit the growth of wildflowers. Old dry stone walls appear to be present under the growth along some of the approach roads. In time these should be revealed and restored to their original. Newly constructed stone walls look really well, well done. The large carpark of the Tulsk Inn needs to be resurfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Tulsk is that of a busy village with a lot of activity. Your plans indicate that the village will change greatly over the next few years and take on a new significance. We look forward to observing your progress and seeing the fruits of work which has already been accomplished in terms of landscaping over the coming years. Thank you for your continued participation in the competition.