

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TUBBERCURRY**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	163	158

Tubbercurry, Co Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This year's entry for the Tidy Towns Competition was sent in by the Tubbercurry Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Some of the sections of the questionnaire are blank and it is noted that there does not appear to be any Tidy Towns Committee. Whilst complimenting the Chamber of Commerce for its initiative in keeping the Tidy Towns Spirit alive and well in Tubbercurry, it might be suggested that the Chamber should either (a) elect a Tidy Towns sub-committee from their own group or (b) hold a public meeting in Tubbercurry and have a Tidy Towns Committee elected from amongst the local residents. Some group would then have the responsibility for planning Tidy Towns strategy and hopefully would produce a plan which would indicate the activities of the Tidy Towns Committee and undertake them over the next few years, as is not required. The entire community must be involved if Tubbercurry are to gain a high ranking in the competition. Thankfully, Sligo County Council appears to be more than willing to support all Tidy Towns initiatives.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Church and grounds are extremely well presented as is the Convent opposite. The AIB Bank looks well with its window boxes. Mulholland House and its environs is a treat for the eye. Why is something not being done with Tubbercurry Motors? It ruins the entrance to the town from Charlestown and Ballina. North Connaught College is worthy of praise with its nice flower beds and grounds. St George's Church looks well. Some of the premises in the industrial estate are very attractive notably Basta and NCF. However, Moylough Furniture has an untidy yard at the rear. Cawley's has a bright cheerful appearance. The facade disguising some of the derelict building is exemplary. However, Humbert Street is suffering from dereliction. Traditional shopfronts abound throughout Tubbercurry and amongst the those to catch the eye were McGuinness Bar, Budgie's and Coen's. The SuperValu shop has an excellent presentation, front and rear. St Brigid's Hall looked well.

LANDSCAPING

The town square is most impressive, with nice colourful floral displays and shrubbery beds. There are a large number of flower beds on the approach roads and at strategic locations throughout the town. Great credit is due to all concerned particularly by those responsible for the flower beds at the top of the town with the Tubbercurry 600 sign on it. The North Western Health Board premises has a lovely floral display and the three garages, Peugeot, Shell and Statoil, are to be complimented on their flower beds (well done!). The marvellous displays of hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes throughout the town are a great credit to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is ample scope for the development of a wildlife habitat in Tubbercurry. If you prepare a Tidy Towns Plan for the town, this should be one of its priorities. Perhaps a nature trail identifying the wildlife and the flora and fauna of the town would be a good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was very evident in the town square, notably around the park and at the roadside. There was also a lot of litter on the Boyle Road as you got closer to the town. Litter was also noticed in the vicinity of the public toilets. You must be ever vigilant regarding litter. If not stopped it will get out of control very easily.

TIDINESS

Apart from the litter and problem areas on the bypass the town was relatively tidy. Two abandoned cars were noticed on the bypass beside the Stat-oil Station sign. The GAA Park has some nice flower beds but the gates and walls need painting. Flyposting was also evident on the Boyle approach. The excellent treeplanting here was marred by the uprooting of at least three saplings. Some weedy footpaths were noted on this approach. There was an untidy area at the railway tracks on the Ballina road and some flyposting was also evident.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses on the approach roads looked very attractive. Brightly painted houses, treeplanting, well trimmed lawns, floral displays and excellent boundary walls were the order of the day (well done!). The Mountain View estate had some nice flower beds and all green areas had been cut. Many of the houses are well painted; however, some of the houses and walls as you enter the estate badly need repainting. The estate on the Sligo Road opposite the Shell garage is slowly beginning to improve. A number of the houses have been painted and gardens have received attention (well done!). The remainder of the houses are still unkempt; however, the example shown by the few will hopefully be followed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All of the approach roads were in pristine condition on adjudication day. The new footpaths on the Boyle and Ballina roads enhance these approaches to the town. The tree planting is excellent and the flower beds catch the eye. Attention will have to be given to grass growing on footpaths and road verges, particularly on the Sligo approach. The trees and the grass verges on the Ballina Road are most impressive. Dereliction is still a problem, and some of the back gardens on the bypass leave a lot to be desired. The new stone walls are exemplary.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Good effort again this year. Dereliction is a big problem, however, you are making progress. Well done and keep up the good work!