

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TALLOW**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	187	181

Tallow, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The community and the Tidy Towns Committee of Tallow must be very highly applauded for the completed very detailed questionnaire and entry form, map, 1994-1998 Work Programme with comprehensive notes and photographs, and the reports from all the club secretaries regarding their efforts this year to make this beautifully placed town on the River Bride a healthy and better place to live in and enjoy. The Committee must also be commended for their success in already having collected most of the £8000.00 pledge. Tallow is a very extended town, a sráid town, and as such there are problems with creating cohesion and a centre but the Committee with their forward planning are tackling this problem on a phased basis.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a very rich built environment in Tallow and the Committee is approaching its problems in the correct way with their Work Plan. The solving of the many problems will take time but there is a very sound foundation to build on. The Bride Valley Stores with its bold lettering is a very strong feature at the turn into the Main Street, its repainting should be encouraged. The Alms Houses are a delight. The houses on the Old Road are being refurbished and already look well with flower-pots on the sidewalk. The Toilets are very poor and in fact are in the wrong location. To be properly looked after, they should be in the centre of the town rather than down a side road. The Rectory is a fine house. The street name signs are extremely satisfactory. Business people are being encouraged to keep their premises well presented and to retain traditional character.

LANDSCAPING

Flair Plastics, a large factory building has a good planting programme of trees and hedges but could redo their title as it is chipped. The picnic area just past Flair Plastics is very pleasant and looks very well on the entrance to the town. If further planting is done it is suggested the variegated poplars not be used as they look very alien in the Irish environment, creating a discordant note and additionally are not a very satisfactory tree. Oak, beech, birch etc. are always much more in keeping. The planting at Waterford Foods is very satisfactory and will improve with time.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Tallow and District Anglers Club is to be complimented on the work they are doing. The community is also to be complimented on their awareness of the value of flood plains of the River Bride and the River Blackwater and the importance of the bat nursery roost in the Protestant Church. The liaison with the District Wildlife Officer and with Dr Sheehy Skeffington is very good.

LITTER CONTROL

The business people and the local Scout Group are to be commended on their success in this regard as there was almost no litter visible.

TIDINESS

The Calor Gas Filling Station could be greatly improved by reconsidering their signage. South of Ireland Petroleum should be screened with a hedge behind the wire fence consistent with supervision of the site from outside. The idea of a Bottle Bank is to be commended but its approach needs some more consideration. The adjoining County Council dump really does need to be improved with screening and planting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private housing in Tallow is very pleasant particularly the distinctive terrace of houses on West End. Many houses have been improved though some seem to be in decline but hopefully this problem can be overcome. Gardens are well kept and there are many planters and tubs that add much to the quality of the environment.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are very nice with good stone walls and trees. The roads within the town are well kept and completely litter free and are much enhanced by the use of colourful plantings and gardens.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tallow is in many ways a typical Irish town being long and extended with little happening on side or back roads. This is called a sráid town and has its own problems in creating a sense of cohesion and a dominant centre. These problems are being tackled and a good impression of care is evident as is the concern with ongoing improvements. The many planters of flowers, both tubs and wall hanging add to the colourfulness and quality of the street.