

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLYVIN**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	147	--

Tullyvin, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This adjudicator is very pleased to welcome Tullyvin to The National Tidy Towns Competition for the first time since 1982.

You are congratulated on this initiative and the support you are receiving from the community and FAS will enable you to proceed with the projects as outlined in your entry form. You had a very slow start this year and this was noted by the adjudicator. Hopefully your application for funding under the Peace and Reconciliation programme will be successful as this will enable you to start work on the community centre and car park. Prepare early for next year and work closely with the statutory bodies and influential local groups.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Improvements to public and private buildings will impact greatly on the appearance of Tullyvin. The Old School House, handball alley and petrol pumps create an untidiness which the village could do without. The Health Board and Post Office look well and the spacious lawns at Uni Vet impressed the adjudicator. Co-Op/Creamery also looked well but do tidy up the planting which was a little untidy. Improvements as outlined to Community Centre, Old School House and Car park should be your priority for next year under this heading.

LANDSCAPING

The flower bed in the centre of the village was most colourful and nicely presented. Your FAS workers were very busy landscaping open spaces and verges on the Cootehill approach and hopefully the planting now taking place will have matured for next years adjudication. The lush green area of Uni Vet is suitable for planting and this should be encouraged i.e. tree planting would be most suitable, however, great care must be exercised when embarking on new planting and expert advice should be sought.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Tullyvin has many opportunities for progress under this heading. The river area in particular should be investigated and wildlife habitats identified and signposted. In identifying wildlife and habitats give special attention to woodlands, rivers, hedgerows, grass verges etc. Do provide picnic facilities in the centre of the village or on the Cootehill Road where major landscaping was taking place on adjudication

day. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife potential of Tullyvin.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on adjudication day despite the fact that the new litter bins had not yet arrived! Well done.

TIDINESS

Untidy verges and open spaces are your main problems under this heading. The Cavan approach and open space in the area of the Community Centre and Handball Alley requires attention. The on-going work being undertaken by FAS and the possibility of funding from peach and Reconciliation will be of major help. Tullyvin has an idyllic setting and an improvement in the overall tidiness of the village will promote a relaxed and welcoming appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties were presented very well. Do pay attention to boundary areas and weed growth. It is important that entrances to all new houses are properly landscaped and finished as soon as work has been completed. No building materials should be left on site.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In the main grass margins on all approaches to the village were in need of attention. Signposting also needs up-grading and the bridge which is an attractive feature could also be up-graded in presentation. Work on the Cootehill Road was noted by the adjudicator and this is most welcome. Do, as already mentioned, give priority to the open spaces adjacent to Handball Alley and Community Centre.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

To achieve a clear focus as to what is required you should, in consultation with Cavan County Council and North West Tourism produce a plan or work programme covering a 3/5 year period. Your plan should be a simple document outlining a series of projects with a priority rating. Do not list unrealistic projects - a limited number, achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. Thank you for the completed questionnaire - very necessary on the occasion of a first adjudication.