

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TUAMGRANEY**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	203

Tuamgraney, County Clare.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Tuamgraney Development Association have continued to strive to bring their aspirations to reality and whilst much remains to be done, some good work has been undertaken during the year at Reddan's Harbour and on the Killaloe approach road. The plan drawn up for work until the year 2001 is an excellent guideline and we look forward to seeing considerable progress in the years ahead when the true potential of Tuamgraney will be realised. Your good working relationship with Clare County Council, FAS, the ESB and the National School have been noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the business premises in Tuamgraney such as Handweavers and the Public House opposite are very well maintained. The Churches and grounds are also well maintained. Hassetts Bar and Lounge are to be complimented on the planting undertaken at their premises. East Clare Heritage Centre was neat and well maintained as was Tuamgraney Castle surrounds and the Tuamgraney Industrial Estate. We note that work has commenced on the memorial park project. As the railings around this, which are going to be removed, are now very rusty, the sooner this work is undertaken, the better. The opening up of this very attractive green area in the centre of the village will be a tremendous improvement. The work on the Killaloe approach road was a considerable undertaking and again, when the planting here matures it should be very attractive. The planting of native trees further out on this road was also noted as was the excellent display of colourful plants and shrubs at the bungalow on the right hand side leaving Tuamgraney. The use of tubs and planting of shrubs and trees throughout the village is attractive throughout. The new paved and gravelled area at Reddan's Harbour is welcome and a number of foreign anglers were enjoying the facility during the Adjudicator's visit. We look forward to the area being further landscaped and the walk to join Scariff harbour area being finalised. This was impassable on the day of adjudication due to the mud left by the bad weather in June.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The work undertaken on the memorial park and on the lakeside area contribute to this category. The aim is to encourage communities to take account of the preservation and enhancement of local wildlife and their habitats when planning developments. A survey of local wildlife habitats and flora and fauna should be undertaken. The planting of flowers and berried shrubs to encourage birds, butterflies etc. would be recommended.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little evidence of litter during the adjudication and your

Tuesday evening public clean up is obviously working.

TIDINESS

The village was tidy and neat throughout with good weed control.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses are well maintained and contribute to the Tidy Towns effort. It was good to see that one of the derelict houses facing the green has a Sale Agreed sign on it. Also, the pink house facing the green has been nicely painted and when the window grills and ledges are also painted it will be attractive. The two new houses on the Killaloe road have now been completed and no doubt will landscape their properties in due course.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Mostly well maintained but the wooden fencing on the Mountshannon approach is broken in places and needs attention and the verges on the right hand side of the road in from Reddan's Harbour need to be cut back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION.

Tuamgraney is a village with considerable potential and should do well in the competition in the years ahead. Next year should see some considerable improvements when further aspects of your plan are put into being. Best wishes in all your endeavours.