

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLYCROSS**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	28	--
Landscaping	40	27	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	32	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	22	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	--
General Impression	10	8	--
TOTAL MARK	300	194	--

Tully Cross, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Co-operation with official and voluntary bodies is exemplary. Your answers to the questionnaire, and your neat map, have been most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church is the focal point of the village: it is beautifully maintained within and without - the Hiberno Romanesque-inspired frontispiece has real panache, and the Clarke window is sensational. The business premises are well presented. The rather florid signwriting on Paddy Coyne's is successful because there is plenty of space to support the design. The Community Hall could do with a coat of paint before long. The two derelict houses in the only terrace are a major disappointment. (Due to the nature of the village, this category naturally overlaps with 'Residential Areas' below.)

LANDSCAPING

Except for the trees - which have been very favourably noted - planting in the triangle seems a bit hesitant - the site could sustain a bolder scheme. (In general, shrubberies are to be preferred to annuals as they continue year-round - though of course bedding plants have their place.) The stonework is excellent. Incidental planting throughout the village is attractive, and most verges were trim on adjudication day.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The neighbourhood obviously supports a great variety of wildlife. A nominal mark has been given in this first year of your return to the competition. Schoolgoers could be invited to undertake a project identifying flora and fauna; their findings could be presented on an illustrated board at the Information Point.

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter at the time of adjudication. This is remarkable in such a tourist-orientated village. (Tourists are often blamed for litter!)

TIDINESS

The tyre-workshop and its sign on the Letterfrack road need smartening up, and there is a space next the Gift Shop which could be tidied up with very little work. Otherwise,

Tully Cross is a comparatively tidy village. Debris from thatching is presumably removed immediately after re-thatching has been done - there was quite an amount on adjudication day.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The principal terrace has already be referred to. The holiday cottages are exceptionally well cared for, with roses and creepers adding to the picturesque effect.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The street surface and paving in the village centre is exceptionally good. The approach road from Letterfrack gives a good initial impression; coming from Renvyle, the verges were not quite so tidy on adjudication day between the Tully Cross sign and the start of housing. The church carpark is well surfaced and free from weed. Street lighting is excellent. Stone walls and wooden fencing are good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A particularly well cared for village, with a few anomalies which could be attended to without an immense amount of trouble. The derelict houses are obviously a more trying matter, and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be found. Congratulations on your achievements to date.