

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLAHOUGHT**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	38	38
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	203	195

Tullahought, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

For a community of approximately 100 people an extraordinary high level of work has been carried out since the last adjudication. Congratulations to all concerned. Your Community effort and your small Committee are a headline for many similar Tidy Towns committees throughout the country. What you have achieved once again goes to prove that, in the final analysis, success in the competition will depend on a concerted community effort working closely with your Local Authority and Parish Council and availing of, where possible, FAS and Student Schemes.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year the Church and School have been very well maintained and were well presented on the day. The completion of the wall in the vicinity of the Church was noted. It looks extremely well as did the Grotto and Fountain on the approaches to the village. Again congratulations are due to all concerned. Work in the area of the Forge is exceptional. There is great credit due to all concerned and the future generations will thank you for it. It must be said however that buildings in the village look somewhat dull. Consider the introduction of a colour scheme but do take advice on this. Perhaps one of the paint manufactures might give you the benefit of the use of one of their colour consultants. This could have the effect of brightening up the whole village area. Your painting programme, particularly with reference to field gates, was also noted.

LANDSCAPING

Without doubt this is one of the strong points of the Tullahought Tidy Towns effort. All your flowerbeds and planting looked exceptionally well on adjudication day. Again congratulations to all concerned. The area in the vicinity of the Forge looked particularly well and is maturing nicely. It gives a great splash of colour to the village. However, do bear in mind what was suggested in last year's report regarding the judicious planting of trees and shrubs, particularly the latter which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. The planting at the Grotto continues to reflect the peaceful nature of the site.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments regarding flower planting have been noted. This heading however covers a wider category of wildlife and natural development and advice as to what you might consider is given in the Tidy Towns Book. You have however made an excellent start.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter to be seen in Tullahought on adjudication day. This deserves great credit for a great effort.

TIDINESS

As last year the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner. The Car Park and other open spaces were uncluttered and litter-free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual residences were very well presented but, as mentioned last year, some could do with a coat of paint or whitewashing. Nevertheless they were very neat in appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The feeling this year is that road surfaces have improved somewhat. Grass verges looked a little overgrown and did not have the crisp look which they had last year. The growth of grass this year has been exceptional due to the inclement weather but it is an area which must be carefully monitored bearing in mind that adjudication normally takes place between the village nameplate signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have done exceptional work during the year and in that respect thank you for the vast amount of information, maps, etc which you included with your entry form. They were most useful on adjudication day. Your 3 Year Plan is excellent and the photographs were most helpful. For the future your major projects could be in the area of painting and decorating and brightening up the village generally, the elimination of any derelict sites which you may still have, the judicious planting of trees and shrubs which will complement your excellent flowerbeds. Old buildings should be preserved and your work in this respect in the Forge area is exemplary. As an exercise you might consider visiting other centres who have done well in the Competition such as Kilkenny City, Inistioge, Ardmore (Co Waterford) and Rossadrehid (South Tipperary) and see what they have achieved on their way to winning several awards. A meeting with their committees would be very useful, you will probably find them most helpful. Your Regional Tourism Authority based at Kilkenny, also has a video on the Tidy Towns Competition which you might find useful and gives practical help and information on problems overcome by other centres.