

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TALLANSTOWN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>227</b>

## **Tallanstown, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The one year plan provided is good in that it allows the committee to take stock of their achievements to date and to focus on specific work to be carried out this year. It is great to see how involved the whole community is in the Tidy Towns plans, through the weekly collection, school litter wardens and the village's own competitions. Getting sub-committees to take ownership of specific projects is a positive way to involve people even further. The on-going development of the amenity park will provide a valuable asset for the village in the years ahead.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The old National School, the church and new school buildings are very well presented. The Rathbrisk Cottages and traditional style buildings in the centre of Tallanstown give a pleasing rural character. The Louth Arms, Centra Shop and other buildings looked well. The bridge over the river Glyde and the stone walls throughout the village are very attractive features.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The extensive tree planting around the village and on the approach roads is a commendable project. There is a most pleasant view looking over the bridge at the green that extends down to the river. Container planting makes the village look very attractive during the summer. The area in front of the attractively painted clubhouse has been nicely tidied up and planted.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The picnic area opposite Louth Hall was noted and a pleasant walk was enjoyed in part of the Wildlife Sanctuary. Work is progressing on the new amenity park which will be another interesting project to watch as it develops and of great value to the whole community.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The arrangements for litter control are working well. A small amount of litter was noted outside Centra, but overall the village presented a pleasantly litter free scene.

### **TIDINESS**

Tallanstown is a tidy village. Weed control and verge cutting are very good. The well cared for atmosphere of the streets and buildings pervades the whole village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All the residential areas are maintained to a very high standard. The gardens of Louth Hall Cottages, Castleview and Chesnut Grove are really a credit to their owners. This also applies to the owners of the individual gardens in the village and on the approach roads. This variety of gardens styles adds greatly to the overall look of the village. As previously noted, the choice of chestnut and ash is very suitable for future planting.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The very fine stone walls and avenue of trees on the approach road from Ardee gives a high expectation of the village to come. The name signs on all the very good approach roads are very attractive and the asset of having original trees and hedges cannot be over emphasised.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The attractive cottages, beautiful trees and air of a well cared for place results in a village where it is obvious the residents both enjoy and appreciate Tallanstown as a place to live.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/98)**

The considerable increase in marks reflects the work put in by this enterprising committee and by the community in general. It is some years since this adjudicator was in the village; what impresses most is the way in which the planting of trees, the creation of flowerbeds and the maintenance of verges and open spaces, has really paid off. Such is the success of these initiatives, there is now less need for floral displays in little pots and urns - though indeed these do add to the charm in the short term. The influence of Tallanstown stretches a considerable distance into the countryside in all directions. One wishes that more visitors would come and admire what has been done - but in a way Tallanstown's location away from the major routes may be a blessing. Congratulations on achieving and retaining the position of county winner.