

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOONTUSKERT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	230

Cloontuskert, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cloontuskert is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. The effort put in by the community in the village is to be commended. Thank you for your completed entry form, outline development plan, drawing and map. We look forward to seeing Cloontuskert's proposed developments as outlined in your plan in the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of properties are well presented and maintained. The old school being a focal point in the village looked well, especially with the six flower arrangements on the exterior walls. It is important that any new properties built have their road frontage and gardens completed thus ensuring the continuation of the roadscape. The odd house wall requires painting, the areas behind properties in general are well kept-well done. However, large open access areas to the rear of some houses should be screened off. The new school will look well when fully completed and landscaped.

LANDSCAPING

The flower beds throughout the village also looked well, as did the majority of the gardens of houses. The grotto and landscaped area around the bog oak sculpture looked well. Keep up the good work.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As in a previous report it is recommended that a wildlife survey of the environs of the village be undertaken and future wildlife projects could be based on this survey. We look forward to seeing the proposals come to fruition for the wild meadow and nature trails in the adjoining lands in the future.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of litter on day of adjudication, well done

TIDINESS

Tidiness is good throughout, the odd rear house view looks untidy due to the layout of the main housing area. However, given time this will be rectified, I am sure, by gentle reminder to the owners of the properties. The graveyard area looked well and is being well maintained. The street furniture and bases of trees are being kept free of weeds and look well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general the residential properties are well maintained and look well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The two approach roads and timber flower boxes with colourful flowers along the road side as you enter the village looked very well. The large stones with the village name were impressive, presumably the area in front of the new school will be completed and in harmony with the general area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

For a very small village with only residential properties and a school on a busy main road you are doing well in the competition. Expand your proposals for future developments with yearly targets rather than general aspirations for the work to be done within 3 to 5 years etc.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/98)

The carefully planned and interesting Bord Na Mona village of Cloontuskert looked well on second adjudication day. The approach roads were neat and well maintained and their attractive limestone nameplate signs to either side of the village were admired. Houses were generally fresh with their unbounded front gardens. Some of those rear gardens in the vicinity of the cemetery extended to the roadside with colourful displays of daises and nasturtiums. The cemetery itself was well maintained and work to the new school was in progress on the day. Landscaped areas throughout the village were well maintained. The grotto and adjacent simply presented red pump were admired, as was the associated landscape and picnic feature behind. That to the other side of the houses was also well attended. Street furniture was well maintained, in terms of the wholly timber and timber and concrete benches which were fresh. Perhaps the sign to the shop could be freshened up before next year's competition. This adjudicator thoroughly enjoyed a return visit to this unique village on a sunny August second adjudication day.