

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULSK**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	20	19
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	162

Tulsk, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to know that Tulsk Action Group has been so active in working with all the development agencies and plans, when implemented, will make a big difference to the village. Well done. The new housing development looks good but surrounds are not yet completed and there is resultant builders rubble there. The Cruachain Ai plans look very impressive and work has already started on damming the river to fit in with the proposal to have it surround the completed building. No other work in evidence yet.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the business premises, such as Conways, look good and seem to be making an effort but the car park at the Tulsk Inn is in need of resurfacing. Kelly's looks particularly well and the hanging baskets and tree in the car park add a nice touch. Some work was taking place around the amenity area and bank of river and it is hoped that this will be resurfaced also. Weeds in that area seem to have been treated with weedkiller and the residue should be removed. While a number of plastic signs have been removed there are still some in evidence and you should try to have these eliminated. Most of the street lighting looks good but try to eliminate all signs of wires across street. Traffic calming might also be considered. This will certainly be necessary when Cruachain Ai comes into being.

LANDSCAPING

The mallards look good but the river banks need some tree and flower planting and the side of the stone wall facing the river needs weeding/cleaning. Some window boxes and flower containers in village but there could be more. Where these are already in place they need to be maintained e.g. the plant container at the Westport/Ballaghaderreen sign. The pump is now painted and the walls repaired but there is a derelict building opposite which needs attention. The local mart/machinery yard backing on to the Boyle road needs a lot of work and since it will back on to the new interpretative centre this would be essential. It is good to know that it is now for sale and, hopefully, the new owners may help solve the problem.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your new Cruachain Ai proposal, when completed, should be a huge asset to the village as there seems to be a wealth of history and archaeology there. It is good to know too that an archaeological survey is taking place at the old Friary. In the interim you should provide some signage to the wildlife elements in the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally good but there appeared to be only two HB litter boxes in the village - perhaps a few more could be provided. You might get local businesses to sponsor them. Verges on approach roads need weeding, footpath and surrounds inside wall of graveyard need weeding, as does the surrounds of the community centre.

TIDINESS

Exterior wall of school could be repainted. Community centre looks good but could not see any evidence of wheel-chair facilities, stone wall opposite could be rebuilt.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new housing development, when completed, should look very well and most houses in the area appear to be making an effort. There is a derelict cottage on the Strokestown Road after the school and, hopefully, something can be done to improve this.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Keep an eye on weeding on approach roads and cut back verges, except where wildflowers are in evidence. The centre island near the Mart needs weeding and footpath outside graveyard needs to be repaired. The whole area between the Community hall and the Statoil station, including the derelict building needs attention. There was a JCB in one of the fields there so, hopefully, this is planned improvement.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tulsk has great potential and your ambitious plans will make a big difference to it. Good luck with the works and hope your Summer Fair is a success.