

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TALLOW**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	193	187

Tallow, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and very detailed map. It was most helpful on the day of adjudication. It was good to see you have already submitted your 94/98 Work Programme. The adjudicator notes the success of your fund-raising and the good support received from your Community. You have a small committee to cover a very large area and you do need more hands to lighten the workload for you. Perhaps each club or organisation in the Tallow area would nominate a member to join your Committee and provide the necessary help which you need in managing a large area. It is not satisfactory that just a few people in your Community should be doing all the work. Your photographs and drawings for the premises in Convent Street are most helpful and look very interesting. If and when completed it certainly will enhance the town. You have indicated the derelict properties which are causing problems for you as a Tidy Towns Committee and obviously they need to be addressed before huge progress can be made. Your overall approach is an excellent one. Do keep up the good work !

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings overall do look very well and are maintained to a high standard. The Parish Hall was well presented and the plants did look very well. The seats there would need painting sooner rather than later. The Church again did look well and was clean and tidy, (the gates there will need painting). The Grotto continues to be maintained very well and the railings were in the process of being painted. The shrubs are maturing nicely. The stone wall of the Monastery blends in well with the line of the street although the monastery itself is hidden to a certain extent. The Shell Depot has some weeds in the corner and this adjudicator would suggest some shrubs for this area. The trees in front of the Waterford Foods building are maturing nicely and are providing a good screening here. The pubs and shops overall look very well and the owners are to be commended for their public spirit. Perhaps those who still have plastic signage might be encouraged to replace same over the coming years. No doubt they will do this. The standard of maintenance achieved by the business community and the manner in which small but necessary improvements are carried out contribute significantly to the general appearance and character of your town. When using signage of any kind, do encourage the community and business people to use bilingual signage in their shops, restaurants, community hall, clubhouses and public amenities, schools, etc.

LANDSCAPING

The siting of trees, shrubs and flowers throughout the town is to be commended. They are maintained very well and you have selected appropriate species. The landscaping of the Youghal

Road is very good as is the town centre where nice trees have been planted. I have already commented on how well they are being maintained and the choice of tree. The management of open spaces is quite good throughout. Again the housing estates are making a very good effort. Perhaps more tree and shrub planting could be done in these areas and perhaps trees with local associations could be used. Certainly a good effort has been put in over the last few years with the planting of trees throughout the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No doubt you are continuing the work of last year where the Tallow and District Anglers Club are looking after the river and you did liaise with the District Wildlife Officer regarding the bat nursery roost in the Protestant Church. Properly managed natural areas and wildlife add greatly to the area. Perhaps you might find a way of presenting what is available in your area so that your activities will continue to have a place in your Community. Perhaps a plaque could be erected, naming the wildlife species in the area or putting a plaque up by the rivers or near the Church.

LITTER CONTROL

The overall management of litter throughout the town was good. There were some small amounts scattered throughout the town, some on Woodview Park in the open green space, also outside the school gate in front of the high hedge. I note that you have regular clean ups. Perhaps you might also involve the schools if you have not already done so. This was not indicated on your entry form. The prevention and control of litter is an on-going task.

TIDINESS

The control of weed growth at the kerbs, at the base of buildings and walls was quite good throughout. You did indicate that the residents undertook to keep the footpaths of their premises clean and litter-free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A great effort is being made by the residents of Tallow. In New Street there was some lovely well kept gardens with wonderful displays of plants and flowers with nice colours used on the houses here. Woodview Park was quite well presented although some boundary walls and fencing would need attention. Many of the private residences are well kept though a few need to complete their boundary walls. Do encourage all the residents to keep up the good work and no doubt they will do more improvements to keep up the good standard.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were quite well maintained. Gates into open spaces and fields etc do need painting and repairs in some instances. The wall from the 30 mile sign coming from Fermoy/Lismore should perhaps be cleaned and repaired. It is a very nice feature. It does not need huge repairs but just in some spots here and there. Some signs do need to be cleaned and repainted. The streets in the town and in particular the Main Street is in good repair as are the footpaths. Overall footpaths are not too bad. Perhaps some of the side streets would need the footpaths to be repaired. Do liaise with the County Council on this matter. The toilets were not well maintained and do need more careful attention. Perhaps when the houses behind it are completed, the toilets might get a facelift.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee are to be commended. Tallow is a large area with streets to the right and to the left, and main roads to Youghal, Lismore and to Fermoy. You are tackling the problem areas and it is going to take time to bring about improvements but no doubt over the next five years this will happen. You have done much to improve the presentation of specific aspects of your town. Well done to all and I wish you every success and good luck in the year ahead with your efforts!