

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLOW**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 35 | 34 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 27 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 31 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 29 | 30 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 22 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 212 | 211 |

Tullow, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Considerable interest and hard work is evident both in the projects being undertaken and the plans for future development. The input by the committee is commendable. There is plenty of opportunity for development and for raising Tullow to a much higher standard. It is clear that there are many aspects of development that cannot directly be undertaken by a committee but the job of lobbying authorities is equally relevant for a committee. The river bank and walkway are particularly interesting. The many narrow streets and laneways offer great potential for improvement. An inventory of all of these and what could be done would be helpful developments. The correspondence relating to the halting site issue, Parc Oghma and urban renewal show a great level of determination and the developments from the urban renewal that will follow will be most interesting.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are a number of very well kept and presented buildings and their owners are to be commended for such upkeep. Other buildings which are not so good are shown up more and more as improvements are made around them. Attention to paint, walls, weeds and general condition is all so important in the overall presentation. There are many industrial premises close to the centre of the town. By their nature they are not necessarily attractive. Perhaps by choice of better boundary railings and screening improvements could be made in this regard. The absence of overhead wires in the square is welcome and pressure should be brought to bear to extend this underground cabling. The paving in the square is attractive. Many of the pavements in side streets are broken and need urgent attention.

LANDSCAPING

Individual gardens contribute so much in this respect and offer a good opportunity to every householder and business premises to improve a town. The containers in the square are nicely placed. The most interesting landscape project is indeed the Parc Oghma. This is a novel idea and great credit is due to those involved for breaking from the conventional park and having the courage to try new ideas. The hillbrook estate landscaping and granite facing retaining wall is commendable. It is great to see so much natural stone being used and not to fall for the easier way of concrete and blocks. Shrubberies by the church are well planted and maintained

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The riverside offers the greatest potential in this regard. The Parc

Muhuire offers interesting wild life possibilities. The walk way along the riverside from the Bridge bar could be enhanced more.

LITTER CONTROL

There is reasonably good control in the main areas of the town. The river itself as seen from the bridge was very littered. The correspondence received elucidates the situation. Also much litter was present on the path by the river. The Spring clean ups are a great idea. Getting young children involved in such activities is perfect as often the litter is dropped by children and this will heighten their awareness.

TIDINESS

Many of the pavements around the town are in need of repair. This does not help the tidiness of the town. The signs at the bridge are very uncoordinated. As mentioned above removing overhead cables improves the appearances. The many industrial yards could also present a tidier appearance to the road frontage.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential Areas are generally well cared for. The housing at pairc mhuire is well maintained but the shrubbery's to the front could do with some weeding attention. The Hillbrook estate and Courtlawns are nicely cared for. Every home has a contribution to make both in terms of the house , front wall or fence painting and the garden itself. The greens and open spaces surrounding estates set the tone for the housing estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The narrow streets present traffic problems. One way streets, more no parking areas and encouragement to use the large church car park would help in this regard. The approach roads are attractive and the extra presentations at the entrances.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tullow has great potential to be exploited. The active committee will be able to tackle this in the way they are presently going. The river, the use of stone and the renovation of areas and streets will take Tullow to a much higher level over the coming years.