

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TUAMGRANEY**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Tuamgraney, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tuamgraney is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed application. Do send in details of work completed for Tidy Towns 2000 for next year's competition, in order that the adjudicator takes into account any new developments. Congratulations on the implementation of four years of your five-year plan. This is a grand achievement. It is good to note the support received by the committee from the community both in terms of finance and voluntary work.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is a very pleasant mix of buildings in terms of both function and architectural style. Well done on the East Clare Heritage Centre development. Most buildings are presented to a high standard.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Memorial Park is most impressive and is being considered for the landscaping award, however its perimeter wall should be cleaned/painted and the telegraph poles removed. The gates could be refurbished also. The entrance from the Killaloo road just before the nameplate looks particularly well with its well maintained green areas, however some grassed areas inside are in need of a little more attention. The roadside areas to the boundary walls of the sports grounds could be better presented.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your application this year makes no reference to your work under this heading. In addition to the suggestions made in last years report, the Tidy Towns Handbook also offers suggestions and valuable guidelines for organising wildlife projects. We look forward to hearing from your next year in this context. The waterside area is a significant and valuable part of your heritage.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was quite good during adjudication. The Tuesday evening public clean-up must still be in place.

### **TIDINESS**

The entrance and curtilage area of the Golden Vale Creamery building is underdeveloped and could be greatly improved.

Weed control was good again this year.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A number of residential properties with some handsome window features are in need of cleaning and / or painting. The completion of the luxury detached houses should make a significant contribution under this heading. No doubt the newly developed houses on the Killaloo road will have their gardens developed soon. A good overall presentation under this heading.

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

The banks marking the entrance from the Killaloo road would look better if landscaped with shrubs and trees. Do choose indigenous trees and shrubs as these will provide a valuable link in the wildlife food chain and sit better in their environment. Street furniture was generally well presented. There are no major problems under this heading.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The completion of the Memorial Park in the town centre makes a valuable contribution to Tuamgraney's visual and recreational amenity value. The overall presentation of the town is admirable.