

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLA**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	179	176

Tulla, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Tulla is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application form and we look forward to receiving details of your development plan when this has been prepared. Make sure to refer to the Tidy Towns Handbook which gives excellent guidelines on preparing a plan. Tulla is a handsome town set on a hill and which features a wonderful and interesting streetscape with many fine buildings. The Fair Green overlooking the surrounding countryside is an important element also and one which should be capitalized upon. No doubt that will be an important part of your plan. The historical aspects of Tulla should be featured in the presentation of the town. Perhaps you could give us a little information on your festival "Humours of Tulla". It sounds interesting.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations on the completion of your new national school, it looks superb. The town has a pleasant combination of architectural styles ranging from single storey dwellings to two and three storey buildings. Some buildings could be repainted, perhaps a co-ordinated colour scheme might be considered. The church looks quite magnificent together with the Parish House behind. The "Whites" property has some fine architectural features which it is hoped will be retained upon refurbishment. The Library looks well also.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped areas at the graveyard look well and no doubt will look even better in the years to come as the trees and shrubs here mature. There is a fine view of the surrounding countryside from this site. It is good to know that local groups maintain green areas close to their houses. Well done on the restoration of old border walls and the reinstatement of walking paths.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your proposed plan for Tulla should include a plan for the protection and development of your wildlife heritage. Last year's report includes some excellent suggestions and, of course, the wildlife section of the Tidy Towns Handbook will be invaluable in this respect.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a light scattering of litter during adjudication. It was not a serious problem but one that needs to be brought under

control as it might deteriorate. A litter management plan should feature in your work programme for the town.

TIDINESS

The old petrol pump and nearby derelict building look untidy, no doubt their treatment will form an important part of your development plan. Other derelict buildings present a problem of untidiness also, especially those on the small amenity area leading to the graveyard. The area around the bottle banks looks somewhat untidy, this problem should be redressed also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some roadside boundary walls to private dwellings near the new national school are in need of attention. Many other boundary walls to residential properties are in need of repair, otherwise the presentation under this heading is good.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The loose stone wall on the Scarrif road should be exposed more by cutting back the vegetation. The stretch of wall leading to the Maxol station should also be revealed and refurbished as necessary. The stone boundary wall to the field leading up from the crossroads should be restored also as this is located within the centre of the town. Stretches of stone wall within the confines of the village nameplate should be highlighted as a handsome feature of the village. The entire road surface up to the entrance to the graveyard, as you are aware, badly needs to be resurfaced. The old water pump should be refurbished and featured.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression is quite good and the town looks promising on first appearance but more attention to detail is necessary; for example the roof of the two storey building at the crossroads is highly visible on entering the town from the Quin road.