

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TUAM**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19	18
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	20	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	18	22
Tidiness	20	8	9
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	12	13
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>162</b>

## **Tuam, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for submitting your three-year-plan, it will help to focus and set targets to be achieved within its lifetime. It is appreciated that there is a new Tidy Towns committee in Tuam, but it is not possible for the adjudicator to meet with them as requested and this would create a precedent. For a town the size of Tuam the committee seems small, and this would suggest that sub-committees be formed to take charge of specific areas or projects. A greater effort from all interested bodies is in order so that Tuam can fulfill its potential. It appears from the application form that because of the change of committee, very little progress has been made since last year. Thank you for the map, it was of help.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are two wonderful Cathedrals. However the town is dominated by an ugly communications tower, but that may be the price of progress. The Palace is a lovely building, the Town Hall looked well and the Hotel in the Square was bright and cheerful with lovely flower boxes. 'Caffolas' was also freshly painted. The Credit Union building continues to impress, but many other commercial and semi-official buildings could be improved.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Palace grounds continue to impress but the old section of the swimming pool needs to be repainted. The Catholic Cathedral, adjacent college and convent set a headline, neat shrub beds and litter free. The planting in the new river walk which is a lovely feature was not well maintained, weeds abounded. Grass needed cutting around the Mill Museum. Nice flower bed opposite Reapes Bar on Tullnadaly Hill, but again litter on grass - no bins. Shrub bed at Burmah Petrol Station on Dunmare Road needs attention. Work at the demesne cottage in progress. Ugly clumps of sod were left on the grass.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Ducks were seen on the River, but the river and new walk way were badly strewn with litter - a pity.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The only litter free areas in Tuam were the grounds of the two Cathedrals. Regrettably kerbside litter is prevalent throughout, but particularly in the car parks.

## **TIDINESS**

While the centre of town was generally tidy, away from the core, commercial buildings were untidy e.g. Tuam Livestock Mart, the Abbey Garage, approaches to Tuam Stadium and Purcell's Newsagent (closed). The old building in front of Tuam Stars clubhouse is in need of upgrading. The Station Building and West/Rail Office need painting and to be tidied up, as do other premises.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Tuam has many nice residential areas and many lovely individual houses e.g. lovely little cottage on the corner of Circular Road, but some areas are not particularly well kept, e.g. Gilmartin Road, Cloontulla Road, Tirboy Estate and St. Enda's. A special effort should be made to interest these areas in the competition.

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

The surfaces of the main approach roads are good and the new link roads are well maintained, but verges of all roads need attention and many streets had an abundance of kerbside weeds.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Keep trying, do not be discouraged. Form sub-committees and get more people involved. Tuam has potential, maximise it.