

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TYNAGH VILLAGE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	19
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	152	149

Tynagh, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The report on the future development of Tynagh is a commendable reference through which the committee can plan the logical stages of work to be undertaken. It puts a realistic perspective on what can be achieved and this approach will, no doubt, result in major improvements in the longer term.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The colourfully presented thatched house with its floral display is the feature building in the centre of Tynagh. The other frontage to catch the eye was Gordon's Pub which with its traditional frontage and unusual screen highlights this part of the main street. There are still some difficulties with vacant or derelict sites. It will be most encouraging if the study to turn the old school into a heritage centre results in the development of this facility.

LANDSCAPING

As mentioned last year, the tree planting programme is ongoing. It is nice to see the plantations at the walls along the football ground. It will take some time before they will have full effect, but given time they will greatly enhance this part of the village and remove the impact of the bare walls and barbed wire. There are two water pumps in the village and consideration should be given to their use as small features.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is not a lot of evidence of wildlife or natural amenity features. It is again recommended that an inventory be taken to list and locate flora and fauna found in the village surroundings

LITTER CONTROL

Litter appears to be well controlled as there was little or no litter to be seen on inspection day.

TIDINESS

Car parks in front of commercial buildings on the outskirts of the village were a little untidy on the day of adjudication. The timber yard to the right as you exit the village on the Ballinasloe Road should be screened with trees as the stacks of pallets break the skyline. The motor outlets might be encouraged to improve the presentation of their forecourts.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a mix of commercial and residential buildings throughout the village. Presentation is varied from striking to less than satisfactory. Again, dilapidated buildings and those in need of painting present some

difficulty.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approached from Portumna, the roadside houses are well presented although the verges need some attention. A new flower bed has been developed at the Tynagh sign. There are some broken walls. Modern public lamp standards are unobtrusive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tynagh has a lot to offer but at the same time, a lot to do. There is a good sense of endeavour and no doubt that with the plan to work to, it will over a period of years see the rewards of its involvement in the competition.