

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TULLAHOUGHT**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	27
The Built Environment	40	26	23
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	36	38
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Tullahought, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Congratulations are due to the people of this small village for their tremendous imaginative approach to developments in the village. It is important to maintain the individuality of Irish towns and villages and you are certainly doing this in Tullahought. The stone work and novel approaches to its use are admirable. From your presentation, with the application form, you have given much interesting detail and specifications of the projects which show a great level of thought and commitment have gone into these.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Excellent stonework is the main feature of this village. The particular type of stone used is very colourful and varied. Brawders family blacksmith commemorative building is a lovely feature with every detail including some horse shoes. The long wall beyond the church is a marvellous feature – so well built and with such lovely stone. Even the few thorns have been carefully retained with the wall building. The church car park is also very attractive with its swirling shapes and large stones to the back of the car park. Likewise the bridge. The grotto and fountain are very attractive. The old Power shop leaves a little to be desired. The walls along and beyond this building are stained badly.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscape work at the cross roads is well presented. Three of the four corners are planted and the remaining corner has the attractive stone building. The natural stone kerbing is well done. The choice of salvia on such a scale is very dramatic and costly. If more permanent plants were used to give all year interest and a small strip or small areas within the borders, this might help. The corner with shrubs is pleasant. The background of timber post at one border and mesh fence on the other makes for a slightly cluttered appearance. The grotto planting and the lovely planting at the Forge is a great asset. Individual gardens play a very important part in the overall village landscape and each home owner can do his very best in this regard.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is an area where further development could take place. There are always places of wildlife interest close to villages. The stream and its ramifications is one obvious choice. The points mentioned in your application are very true – the importance of proper hedgerow maintenance for wild life conservation and the retention of wild flower margins at road sides.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is a very good standard of litter control. There was some litter noted in the forge garden.

### **TIDINESS**

Ongoing work obviously causes some interference with tidiness. This is inevitable and temporary.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual homes as stated are well maintained and contribute well to the overall scene. New housing must be finished off well and any disturbance to the surrounds must be restored.

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

The standard of roads is good. The stonework is set off well when road surfaces and all surrounding feature are well presented.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A very unique village which makes use of the lovely stone and the talents of the people in putting this together so well. Great credit is due for the originality of the work and the presentation of the submission with photographs of progress. Well done.