

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TOURNAFULLA**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>183</b>

## **Tournafulla, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the completed entry form. You have one of the longest villages in the region and an inordinate amount to cater for relevant to the population. One wonders how the village can develop with such length. You don't seem to be working to a development plan and now that the large investment of a Resource Centre is taking place you should try and generate renewed effort for the physical welfare of the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church is by far your best presentation in this section. No progress on the Garda Station. The Leisure Centre will need to be well landscaped when complete. This building will now form the focus of attention for the village and area and its completion to a high standard is desirable. You have many traditional type buildings that are now in need of attention. Owners should be encouraged to maintain them in the traditional style and if carrying out renovations ensure that they are done appropriately. The use of plastic signage on old buildings detracts from their uniqueness.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have much evidence of individual and community effort between the speed limit signs. In view of the linear lay out of the village it is important to develop attractive approach roads. You should consider erecting two illustrated failte signs to the village. The pockets of flower planting at the approaches and within the village are commendable. The entrance to the hurling field is still below standard. You have numerous small open spaces that are ideal for increased landscaping, but these should only be done if you have the energy to maintain them.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have potential here to highlight the wildlife habitat of the area. The presence of a river and bridge area in any village is always an advantage and you should concentrate on this location. This might be progressed by way of a school project that would initially list the wildlife of the area and lead to the erection of a display board perhaps. Such developments have been done successfully in other centres e.g. Ennis town.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In general you do not seem to have a problem in this

section. On adjudication day the village was well presented, with little evidence of litter.

## **TIDINESS**

You have large and small pockets of untidiness that are keeping your marks down in this section. You also have some dereliction and unattended back yards that are in need of attention. The rear of the garage in particular is very untidy, together with the former creamery. Weed growth is profuse and presents an image of untidiness. It is accepted that a small committee cannot be expected to contain all weed growth but owners of premises should at least contain their own areas.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Fr. McCarthy Terrace is in need of a painting blitz and many of the boundary fences should be replaced with a more sturdy and acceptable structure. Alternatively, a suitable hedge could be planted which, if maintained would improve the appearance of this terrace. In general, housing would benefit from painting and the traditional type houses in particular have much to offer.

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

You have a good deal of road surface in need of improvement. This extends to side and rear entrances, which now form part of the core tidy towns assessment. You still have great scope for increased tree planting - right up along the village. The bridge is attractive and its stonework, probably unaltered since 1841 is in good condition. Is there potential for a river walk here?

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village retains its rural ethos in west Limerick. Future developments should reflect the rural location of this village and the finishing of the Community/Heritage/Resource centre to an acceptable degree now forms a major challenge for the community - good luck in your endeavours.