

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TOOREEN**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	23	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>--</b>

## Tooreen, County Mayo

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tooreen is very welcome back into the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the information supplied, it facilitated adjudication. Do keep us informed of your yearly progress. Your strong points in the competition are the new school, hall and of course the landscaping. Your weak points are perhaps the presentation of the curtilage areas to buildings.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The old dance hall has been totally refurbished, and features a well presented curtilage area and nice stone wall to the front. Clear the stone wall across the road from the hall for its length to reveal the stone work. Carparking at the new school looks well. Henry's Shop Right Food Store should have its plastic signs removed. The church looks a little weatherstained as does the Bell Tower. The old school across from the church needs to be painted, together with boundary walls. The old cottage facing the playing fields on the left, needs to be resurfaced to its curtilage area. The stone wall along here also could be cleared of the growth and the stone wall refurbished for its entire length through the village. The curtilage area of Frame's and the adjacent house could be resurfaced.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Tennis courts across the way from the school and beside the main carpark are an asset to the village. The nets are damaged, however they could be planted with climbing plants. Landscaping along all the grass verges which are very neatly trimmed and kerbed look well. Young trees are maturing well. Some consideration might be given to planting the wire and post fencing to the playing fields just beside the church with hedgerow. The garden at the Foodstore looks well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Well done on your choice of trees and shrubs to attract wildlife. Have you surveyed your area for wildlife species? You could also feature a wildflower meadow or wildflowers / hedgerow on grass verges. Your Tidy Towns Handbook will be useful here.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was quite good during adjudication. Your regular clean ups by FAS appear to be successful together with the student scheme. Keep us informed of your litter management strategies.

## **TIDINESS**

Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion of construction work. Be vigilant regarding weed control along kerbs and at the base of walls also. Remember that curtilage areas are as important as buildings themselves.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential areas behind Shop Right are well presented in most respects and there are some very nice gardens. Encourage owners to pay attention to their boundary walls and roadside areas to these. The housing for the elderly project sounds like a good idea.

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

As noted above, you could choose to feature a seasonal display of native wildflowers on grass verges. Stone walls should be revealed and highlighted also. Street furniture looks well.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Tooreen is favourable. The village is continuing to develop and it is important that new developments are sensitive to the character of Tooreen.