

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLOONTUSKERT**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>234</b>

## **Cloontuskert, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Cloontuskert is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your entry form and 3/5 year plan. This is well laid out and while your proposals seem achievable, as stated in last year's Adjudicator's report, you might be better setting yearly targets. Well done though on your progress to date as in a number of cases work has been completed or is in progress.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The new school has now been completed and looks well and work has started on the new amenity park area, the gravel path is being laid and the stone seats are in place. Your plan to have native trees there and a wildflower meadow is good and this will be a lovely addition to the village when completed. The old and new graveyards are well maintained but the gate and wall at the new graveyard could be improved. You may be planning to link this in with the very nice stone walls surrounding the old graveyard and it is good to know that you plan to provide a stone wall at the side of the entrance road near the green area. The village shop has been newly painted but the sign for it is poor.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A lot of effort has gone into making the village attractive and the flower, sculpture and shrub features look well, as does the grotto and the village pump. The residents are very obviously involved and many of them are making a big effort in the presentation of their gardens.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We look forward to seeing the new nature walks and trails through the woods near the proposed amenity park and it is good to know that you will be taking the local wildlife into consideration when planning these. The old graveyard and abbey are a lovely feature and we wish you well with your planned reconstruction work. The stone steps with the name of the cemetery on the flagstones is a nice feature.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

No evidence of litter on day of visit - plenty of litter bins in graveyard area and these were being used.

### **TIDINESS**

Some access gates and boundary walls need attention and

the necessary builders' rubble is unsightly.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses are making a big effort but one or two still need encouragement especially the one close to the proposed amenity park on the graveyard road.

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

Some road surfaces are poor particularly those on the side roads and weeding is needed in front of some boundary walls.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A very nice village and it is obvious that the community is working hard to keep improving it.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/99)**

It was a pleasure to adjudicate Cloontuskert on the occasion of the second adjudication. The day was bright and sunny, flower displays were in bloom, grass verges were neatly trimmed, the chain link fencing to one green verge was being repaired, flowers were in bloom and the village exuded an ambience of rural tranquillity. Well done on the Augustinian Abbey project, it is good to see the work that has been accomplished so far. This is a very important part of your heritage and we are pleased that you are prepared to develop it further and share it with visitors. Your fund-raising activities, i.e. cutting and selling the turf in order to fund raise for Tidy Towns activities is unusual and entirely appropriate, and of course imaginative. The Hawthorn hedgerow is establishing itself well along the wire and post fencing of the playing fields. The shop had been newly painted on the day of second adjudication but a name was not yet featured on the fascia board.