

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TALLOW**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>193</b>

## **Tallow, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form received and it is good to see Tallow in the Tidy Towns Competition again this year. Unfortunately, we did not receive a map of your town this year which was perhaps an oversight. You received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator. The following should be read in the context of that report and comment on progress made during the year. Again you have a small number of members working in Tidy Towns this year. There is large ground to cover and you do need additional bodies to help out with the task in hand. Last year's suggestion of perhaps each club or organisation in the Tallow area nominating a member to join your Committee to revive the necessary help, is indeed a worthy one for consideration this year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The GAA and Soccer Clubs are continuing to improve their properties which is most welcome. No doubt the officers of these clubs would be willing to lend a hand with your Tidy Towns effort. The Church continues to look well and when the gates are painted it will certainly look good. The new tarmac and kerb does improve the overall appearance of the Church area. The Parish Hall is well presented but again, the seats need to be painted. The shrubs in front of the Waterford Foods building continue to mature and provides good screening for that building. The Grotto had some weeds in the rosebed and also in the stone ground. The Community Centre building does need to be improved. It could be enlivened by the use of a suitable colour. The pubs and shops overall continue to be maintained well and, Keniry's Pub in particular looks very well with black front and gold coloured lettering. Again, one would encourage the owners of shop fronts who have plastic signage to replace them with more traditional type signage. No doubt they will have plans to do this in the coming years. When using signage of any kind try to encourage business people and the community to use bilingual signage in the Community Hall, shops, club houses, public amenities, etc. The public toilets were maintained well on the outside but the two plastic barrels had weeds in them that would need to be replanted. I would suggest that the advise of a colour consultant be sought for a colour scheme to be used on all commercial, community and private dwellings throughout the town.

## **LANDSCAPING**

Trees and shrubs throughout the town continue to mature and are maintained in good condition. The grass on the Youghal road in the open space needed to be cut, and seats should be painted. The green area in front of the Bride Valley Stores was well maintained, but the area down from the Stores does need some attention. Overall the open green spaces need careful attention at all times and that includes keeping the grass cut and the shrubs in good condition.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Tallow Angling Club continue to maintain the river Bride by cleaning and restocking it. The river area apart from the fish could be a very important habitat for wildlife. The hedges and the grass verges along the approach road are also important wildlife habitats. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wildlife value of your community. Again, I would suggest that you contact a local environmental expert or the Irish Wildlife Conservancy would be glad to be of help and advise. Also, do please consult the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to your Committee this year.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The overall management of litter was reasonably good. There were small amounts to be observed in areas throughout the town, also on the Midleton road and in front of the depot. There was also some small amounts in the open green space in the Woodview area. One has to work very hard to control litter and it needs the co-operation of all the community. It is also important to involve the schools and young people in anti-litter campaigns.

## **TIDINESS**

You did indicate the difficulties with untidy and derelict sites and that you have been making representations to overcome this difficulty. The control of weed growth at the kerbs and the base of walls and buildings was good throughout. Do encourage the residents to keep the footpaths of their properties clean and litter-free. Gates to open spaces do need attention in some areas.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses in Woodview are maintained well and have some delightful displays of flowers and shrubs. Some of the properties need repainting and also boundary walls need attention. The houses on the main street going

towards the Monastery are very well maintained. In New Street, again, some wonderful displays of plants and flowers in the gardens and with nice colours used on the properties themselves. Some boundary walls did need attention. The houses on the approach roads throughout were well maintained overall. The new housing estate off the Middleton road looked good and the landscaping was of a very high standard. Most of the property owners throughout the town present their properties well. The support of local residents is very valuable to the Tidy Towns effort and they are to be commended for this.

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

The new stone wall from the town to the bridge is coming on nicely and when completed will look attractive. The seating throughout the town needs to be painted. The approach roads were clean and tidy. Remove overgrowth from top of stone walls and also repair the railing on top. On the Middleton road repairs to the railing and the stone wall are necessary. Ensure that all signs are clean and are in good condition.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee is very valuable to the town and community. Tallow is a large area and the Committee does need more people. . The derelict houses in West Street, Chapel Street and Convent Street does not make your task easier. I note that you have made representations to the Local Authority and no doubt a successful outcome will be achieved. You have done a lot of work to improve the presentation of your town and work should be appreciated by the community. Well done to all concerned!