

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	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>190</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Tournafulla, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning completed entry form and attached map and comments. You have outlined your problems well and your commitment to tackling many of your problem areas is commendable. The length of the village between both bridges is most unusual for the population and demands a good deal of roadside maintenance. It is vital that you avail of any community scheme to help you raise your standards, but most of all your greatest challenge is in bringing the local community with you in your endeavours.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It was heartening to see a major improvement in the Garda Station. This building should now spur more people into a painting blitz. The Heritage and Resource Centres continue to progress – however, slowly. Have you a landscaping programme in mind for the surrounding area? It is likely that this centre will be the focal point of Tournafulla for the next 100 years so it is imperative to get it right first time. This includes planting the correct and most appropriate type of shrubs and trees. You also need to retain the rural ethos of the village. Continue your efforts to get people to paint their premises. The corrugated roof facing you after you pass the Garda Station is very prominent and should be improved. The school and surrounding area would benefit from some landscaping and try and get the authorities to create a green area to tone down the cold concrete surround.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have endless potential for improvement here. Try and create a number of landscaped areas that will require minimum maintenance. Concentrate on planting perennials and trees. The approach roads have improved and the fáilte signs are an improvement. However, only landscape if you have the necessary energy to maintain to a high level.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No apparent progress in this section. Try and make more use of the river area and try and get the school involved in doing a survey aimed at listing the local wildlife. You should then progress to erecting an illustrated display board.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You have scored well in this section and litter did not appear to be a problem on adjudication day. The litter bin

on the pole beside the Garda Station should be removed. Well done on the recycling unit. It might be better to reposition this unit to a more open area. In this way you will get more people to unashamedly use the facility and give the good example to others.

## **TIDINESS**

Your problems here relate to untidy yards and poorly presented junction areas. I'm afraid I find the dumping at the rear of the garage (which is really on the side of the back road) unacceptable.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

It is good to witness new houses being built. Encourage new developments to landscape well and in a way compatible to the rural surrounds of the village. There is an attractive piece of landscaping beside the four small houses near the Heritage Centre. These should be extended to other areas.

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

This is your biggest challenge because of the length of the area to be attended to. Try and highlight the traditional features of the area – starting with the bridge of 1841.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You have progressed since last year and the completion of the Heritage Centre will give you a boost and provide the impetus for further developments aimed at making Tournafulla a better place to live in. Good luck with your efforts.