

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLYALLEN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2000 | Mark Awarded 1999 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 37 | -- |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 | -- |
| Landscaping | 40 | 23 | -- |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 21 | -- |
| Litter Control | 40 | 28 | -- |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | -- |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | -- |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 24 | -- |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | -- |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 197 | -- |

Tullyallen, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Tullyallen is very welcome back into the competition after a long absence of seven years. Your development group has achieved an enormous amount in that period. The comprehensive range of documents supplied with your entry form, were most informative. The detailed Village Enhancement Plan by Anne O'Leary includes many excellent suggestions, which will keep you busy for years to come. You should now produce a simple and achievable work plan for the next 3/5 years and highlight each year exactly what works have been carried out and which are ongoing. This will help the adjudicator to award you extra marks for your valuable work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A large amount of work has recently been carried out in the Village Square. Cobbles have been laid, new seating and lighting provided. This space, including the area around the pump, can become a focal point for the village over time with attractive landscaping. The Morning Star Pub, adjoining shop and the Credit Union are all well presented. The church looks very well and the works carried out in restoring the old stone walls around the grounds are very worthwhile and should be continued where possible. The boundary wall of the school would benefit from a fresh coat of paint and the car park needs to be weeded. As suggested in the Village Enhancement Plan, the provision of some type of tourist information board in the village centre should be considered, as there is so much of historical interest in the area.

LANDSCAPING

The church grounds are well kept. The carpark opposite is attractively landscaped. The schoolgrounds are also well cared for. Substantial landscaping work in the new Village Square, around the pump, along the banks of the stream etc. would be of considerable benefit. There are excellent recommendations for the type of works needed in your Village Enhancement Plan. The grassed area opposite Townley Hall Park is very neatly presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Townley Hall Park and the picnic area opposite are wonderful amenities. The maintenance of this area is a credit to your development group. In the village itself there

is potential to develop the area around the stream as suggested in the Village Plan. The development of walks in the area, e.g. from the square, around the church road, should also be considered.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the village appears to be effective. A few pieces of litter were noted just outside the Morning Star shop.

TIDINESS

The newly paved Village Square creates a tidy impression in the centre of the village. However, as you move further out along approach roads, uneven footpaths, kerbside weed and poor surfaces in front of business premises detract from this. Lack of consistency in the road kerbing should be addressed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of houses in the village are well cared for and many have beautiful gardens. However, a small number would benefit from painting and weeding along boundary walls. The new Glen development looks promising. Lavin Park is well maintained, with well kept greens to the front. Some boundary walls here need to be painted and the football field at the back of the estate should be cut. Ard Alainn is presented to a very high standard with neatly trimmed grassed areas and superb flower-beds at either entrance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned in the last Tidy Towns Report in 1992, Tullyallen presents some difficulty for adjudication purposes, due to the lack of defined boundaries. Perhaps this could be remedied by next year with the erection of village name signs. Road signs on the approach roads need to be cleaned. The treatment of approaches is uneven with grass verges cut in some places and not in others. Where the verges have been cut, the dead grass has not been removed. The area at the front of the Village Stores and petrol pumps needs to be weeded and the surface upgraded. The surface of the car-park at the Morning Star and its boundary with the road also require attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tullyallen has made great progress in the years since it last featured in this competition. This is a very historical area with much of interest for visitors and you should certainly try to make more of this fact in the village itself, through the provision of information boards and improved signposting.

With a planned approach to future projects you should be able to make great strides in the years to come.