

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	36	36
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>241</b>	<b>238</b>

## **Cloontuskert, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to Tidy Towns Competition 2000. Thank you for your entry form and copy of your 3-5 year plan. I note you have progressed your projects considerably since last year. Well done.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The new school looks good especially with the new planting along the fence on the Strokestown side. Perhaps the next project could be to screen out the oil tank at the back corner. The on-going work around the graveyard and foot ball pitch was noted. When the gravel path is laid around the far side of the pitch and the seats completed, it should look much better.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The green areas, flower beds, shrubs, grotto, village pump and new walls all look very good. The flower beds and raised area leading into the graveyard blend in well as do the limestone pillars with the village name on the Lanesboro and Strokestown approach roads. The borders inside the new graveyard walls were nice to see.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is obviously a natural area for wildlife in the general area of the graveyards and the football pitch. A survey of what species frequent this area and an information map would be beneficial in particular for visitors to the area. While I was there the basketball court in the new school yard was being used for its proper function by some teenagers and others made use of the seats in the green area. I also noted the new trees planted at the end of the football field.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You appear to have a very effective litter control programme. I noted plenty of bins in evidence and in particular large ones in the graveyards.

### **TIDINESS**

As mentioned in last year's report, there are still some gates and boundary walls which need attention. The white crosses on the cemetery gates need to be painted. The graveyards themselves were well maintained and some grass cutting was taking place in the old graveyard while I

was there. The grass on the green area in the Main Street had just been cut and gathered into a trailer for removal also. Some of the flower tubs need to be re-painted as do the white walls opposite the old graveyard wall on the way to the football pitch.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The paintwork on one or two of the houses in the main residential area needs to be freshened up. The flower beds were nice and healthy and the grassy areas were neatly kept. Watch for some of the iron gates at the rear getting rusty.

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

There is some rubble at the back of the old cemetery. The oil tank at the new school stands out for all the wrong reasons. Perhaps this could be screened by continuing the tree planting down along this side. Just outside the village sign on the Strokestown Road there is a scrap trailer and earth mover in front of a derelict shed which is quite unsightly.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a community with great pride in their village and surrounding area. The commitment to achieve your 3-5 year is very evident. Good luck with the fundraising. Well done.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/00)**

Cloontuskert is truly a "tidy town" with great evidence of attention to detail throughout the village. All the open spaces are well tended and there is a noticeable spirit of enthusiasm and interest about. The cemetery and Abbey ruins represent an enormous amount of work. The cemetery is in beautiful condition and is a credit to all concerned. The wall building is commendable. The thorn hedging planted by the playing fields is under stress in places and needs attention or some replacements. Houses and gardens contribute well to the overall appearance of the village. The depositing of timber pallets outside the school is not desirable.