

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TUBBERCLAIR**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	26	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	15
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>155</b>

## **Tubberclair, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tubberclair is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Do send in details of the FAS project being undertaken in the old national school. The school grounds look wonderful. A simple sketch map accompanying your application next year would be better than the Ordnance Survey extracts forwarded this year. Other than the presence of the nameplates and the landscaping at the road junction, there is little evidence in the village to indicate that Tubberclair actually has village status. This problem will need to be redressed before the village can go much further in the competition. Well done on the Garden of Remembrance and the new church belfry.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The new belfry of the church is impressive. Some low rusted roofs near the church carpark should be repainted or clothed in a climbing plant. The Top Garage looks well. Molloy's garage could be painted and its forecourt area tidied and resurfaced. Old vehicles should be removed from public view.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The mature Yew trees in the church grounds are striking. Congratulations on the development of the Garden of Remembrance, it is being considered for the landscaping award. Green areas at the crossroads at Auburn Cross should be landscaped. The hedgerow inside the footpath leading to Auburn Cross (in which the road signs are submerged) should be cut back for safety. Plant the timber post fencing located between the nameplate and the crossroads beyond the school with a flowering shrub or hedgerow. Landscaping at the junction at the road to the church is maturing well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

An important first step in competing under this heading is to identify wildlife habitats and species present. It will then be possible to identify threats and take appropriate protective measures.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was noted on the grass verge on the southern entrance to the village. It consisted mainly of old newspapers. It is assumed that this is not the norm and so marks are not being deducted. Litter control is good overall.

## **TIDINESS**

Don't forget to remove all traces of building materials when building works have ceased. Some building materials were noted in the carpark, no doubt this is due to the construction work recently carried out. Some papers and bags were also noted in the corner of the carpark, probably associated with construction work.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A large two storey house near the old national school will need to be repainted soon to freshen its appearance, it is an important focal point in the villagescape. Most residential properties are being presented to a high standard.

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

The stone wall at which the nameplate is located just before the church should be highlighted and featured as an important element of the village by cutting back the long grass and revealing as much of the stone work as possible. The newly constructed stone wall of the carpark at the church looks well. The carpark itself could be landscaped further. The small stone wall beside the nameplate before the church should be cleared of long grass and growth and highlighted as a feature of this entrance to the village. Stretches of stone wall along this road to the road junction with the N55 should also be featured. A number of field gates in the environs of the church could be upgraded. Some road signs, e.g. the sign for the crossroad is submerged in the long grass and should be revealed. The Garden of Remembrance should be signposted on the N55 and also on the road to the church.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Tubberclair is good, however it is important to provide nameplates on the N55.