

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TYRRELLSPASS**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	34
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>235</b>

## **Tyrellspass, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tyrellspass is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The problems associated with being located on a national primary route have been taken into consideration and allowances have been made for this. Unfortunately, it was not possible to carry out the first adjudication any later than the date adjudicated. However the second adjudication will be much later and by then your students should have completed their work and flower displays be in full bloom.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The weather-stained walls of the commercial property located across from the 'E.F. Sheeran Farm Shop and Machinery Stores' are a poor introduction to the village from the Kilbeggan road. These could be cleaned, painted or planted. The Burmah garage is well presented and its roadside boundary is pleasant. The school grounds look well. The 'Village Hotel' might need to be painted soon to freshen its appearance. Some other buildings need to be repainted also, perhaps this might be a good time to suggest a co-ordinated colour scheme for Tyrellspass.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The picnic area was presented to its usual high standard, well done! Grass verges are being beautifully maintained and young and semi-mature trees are an excellent feature. Flower displays at the entrance to the Castle and at the top of the Daingain road look well. The village green is presented to the standard to which we have come to expect from Tyrellspass, however one bin needs to be refurbished. Planting of hedgerow along the timber post fencing at the Rochfortbridge entrance to the village will be a valuable wildlife habitat as it matures, however it must be properly managed. The landscaped corners at the junction for Meedin church were much admired. The list of locations of new tree and shrub planting is too extensive to identify individually, well done on a very fine landscaping programme. Flower displays on the corner of the green looked well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The graveyard is very well presented. You give little detail on the nature of your wildlife project out the Mullingar road. Perhaps you can elaborate on this for next years competition.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

With the exception of the litter noted on approach roads, litter control was good in the village overall. You should send in details with your application on how this is achieved as this could earn extra marks also.

## **TIDINESS**

There are no major problems under this heading. Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion of construction work particularly at the new housing development near the castle.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Roadside boundary walls to residential properties on the Kilbeggan entrance to the village are in need of cleaning, painting and planting. Sherwell Court has been finished to a high standard and no doubt the town houses at the top of the Daingain road will enhance the overall appearance of this end of the village. Castlegreen looks well also and of course the Georgian houses around the perimeter of the green are most elegant. Flowering shrubs to residential properties along the entrance from the Mullingar road is breathtaking in the colour.

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

Approach roads to the village had been recently cut on the day of adjudication, however exposed litter had not been picked and this took away from an otherwise potentially good presentation. A litter bin out the Mullingar road is in need of refurbishment also.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Tyrrellspass is one of a magnificently proportioned village with beautifully maintained green areas and numerous newly landscaped areas. The village enjoys a reputation for excellence and is always a pleasure to adjudicate. We look forward to the completion of the new town houses at the top of the Daingain road and trust that the standard of finish will complement the overall presentation of the village.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (02/08/00)**

It was again a pleasure to visit Tyrrellspass. The expansive well mown green areas, not only in the village centre but along the approaches, were overwhelming. The preferred image is of grass, hedging, trees and stone walls together with the fine classical buildings. The commercial centre is not visually so successful - it seems by and large to exude clutter and disharmony. A little litter was noted on the Mullingar Road but generally the village was litter free. Resurfacing of the school yard was in progress; it is a pity that imaginative landscaping including flowers, shrubs and trees was not being

incorporated. The GAA forecourt was rather weedy. It is such details that need attention to raise you to the very top echelon of the competition. The standard of maintenance of the approach roads was very much better in early August than in the middle of June; however, a consistent standard throughout at least the adjudication period is required to raise the mark under the respective heading. The litter bin at the toilets in the picnic area was in very poor condition.