

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TALLANSTOWN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	32
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>248</b>

## **Tallanstown, Co. Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tallanstown is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, particularly your plan which makes interesting reading. We wish you well in its implementation. It is good to note that you have objectives under all headings. Don't lose heart regarding lack of accessibility to the river, these things can change over time. The village is lovely as it is.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

All buildings in the village are well presented. Both the Louth Arms and the Centra corner shop are important focal points in the villagescape and should always be presented to a high standard. There were no problems in presentation this year. The possibilities for the redevelopment of the old school building are exciting and we look forward to charting your progress in this regard.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Are there plans to replace the Cordyline tree in the village centre. A native species of tree would be preferable and would encourage wildlife. The proposed move away from bedding plants to permanent planting is wise. It will be less expensive and labour intensive and much more rewarding in the long run. The involvement of children in the planting initiative is a great idea. The view of the red bricked road from the house is a wonderful development.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Maguire Park continues to impress in its presentation. Well done! The wildlife 'drawings' initiative is another good idea and is sure to catch the imagination of children regarding their wildlife heritage. The Wildlife Sanctuary and The 'Mount' continue to catch the eye. We agree with your decision to leave them in their natural state.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Well done on achievements under this heading. The standard was good overall. The only minor weak spot was the car parking area of the Louth Arms. There appear to be sufficient litter bins and these are both well presented and emptied frequently enough. Your poster initiative together with visits to the school by Louth County Council's litter warden are paying dividends.

### **TIDINESS**

There are no serious problems under this heading. You are aware of the need to be vigilant regarding weed growth along kerbs and in side areas. It is good to note the absence of derelict sites. Well done on a fine presentation.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

It is great to note how committed people are to their environment in Tallanstown. Chestnut Grove continues to look well. The team work involved with resident associations is paying dividends. There are no serious problems under this heading, the standard of presentation is excellent.

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

We wish you well in your efforts to get the Council to erect a second stone wall to match the newly constructed one at the new estate. Good luck with your plans for road markings etc. Back areas appear to be as well presented as roadside areas, everyone concerned is to commended. Street furniture is nicely presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Tallanstown is a beautiful village and the existence of the 'Drop Inn' centre for the community and visitors / travelling public adds a new dimension to the village. Congratulations!

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/01)**

On the day of second adjudication young people were busy in the Park, demonstrating the unabated work ethic of this community. The resurfacing of the main roads where there are potholes would be something to which the attention of the Local Authority might be drawn – but this is a small matter in view of the wonderfully successful major initiatives. The 'holistic' approach mentioned is warmly commended.