

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TUAMGRANEY**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>218</b>

## **TUAMAGRANEY, CO. CLARE**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The documentation and maps sent in were very helpful and demonstrate the commitment of the Tuamagraney Development Association. The Newsletter produced by the Association, which included the 2001 Tidy Towns report, is a good idea as it makes all residents aware of your endeavours. The plan “Towards a Better Tuamagraney” is impressive and the fact that it was prepared within your own group is commendable. As you know, it is now a requirement that a three year plan be sent in each year with the entry form. We have noted that the bridge between Scariff and Tuamagraney is the parish boundary and so have included remarks on the Scariff Harbour and other buildings on this stretch of road in the report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The adjudicator found the buildings surrounding the green area at the core of the village have improved immensely over the last number of years. Gone, except for one instance, are the derelict buildings, and even that building has been “disguised” by painting. The other building in this area needing attention was the Clay People premises which needs to be repainted. Buildings throughout the village and surrounds that were well presented are as follows:- The East Clare Heritage Centre, McKernan Handweavers and adjacent buildings, Joyce’s Pub, the Church, the Tomgreany (sic) National School 1895 with its lovely wedgewood blue colour, the Coillte premises and Bleach’s supermarket which is softened by the fine rosebeds in the forecourt. The Tuamagraney Business Park was also looking well and neat and tidy. A couple of random gates were being painted during adjudication and also the wall outside the East Clare Education centre. The planting outside Hassett’s Bar and Lounge was admired. However, the signs on the building here for Ceol & Craic and Snacks should be removed or replaced as they are now in poor condition. Also, the roadside signage here had a rather untidy aspect.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As there was very bad weather in 2002 consideration of this fact was taken into account during adjudication. In fact, on the day hanging baskets were being positioned on poles on the Scariff road and a number of people were mowing their lawns. As mentioned, there is some good planting around a number of business premises including the East Clare Equestrian Centre. Scariff Harbour was looking well, except for a number of deep potholes in the actual quayside area. The tree planting on the outskirts of the village is maturing well and enhancing these areas.

Reddan’s Quay has been finished to a high standard and the trees here are maturing nicely. The green area in the centre of the village is a lovely focal point – as previously mentioned, it would be even better if the wiring here could be ducted underground.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

We note your plans in regard to Wildlife as set out on page 12 of “Towards a Better

Tuamgraney”. The idea of undertaking an audit of all “ public” trees and putting in place a programme of necessary remedial works is admirable. Tuamgraney is ideally situated to implement programmes in respect of all aspects of wildlife. We would suggest that more wild flowers such as foxgloves, poppies, cowslips etc be planted on the approach roads and the roads down to the two harbours which give visitors a first impression of the village. In other areas the adjudicator has seen these flowers in profusion on roadside banks and they are extremely attractive.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter to be seen on the day of adjudication except a sprinkling on the roadway down to the Scariff Harbour.

## **TIDINESS**

Mostly the village was neat and tidy and kerbs were weed free.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private houses throughout are contributing positively to the Tidy Towns effort and in some cases are exceptional.

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

Signage was good throughout. The approach roads well maintained. The Killaloe road with its very wide aspect with large banks at each side would be out of character with a village such as Tuamgraney, and the alleviation of this problem by more tree planting should be considered.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The commitment by all residents to improving their own place is evident in Tuamgraney. We look forward to seeing implementation of your plans and your further progress in the Competition.