

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TULLYALLEN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	205	201

Tullyallen, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Many thanks for the plan which is being implemented throughout the village. It is comprehensive and concurs with the historic nature of the area. Invariably, changes since the inception of the plan in relation to the status of the village is evident with a huge increase in new housing. Further facilities will be required to accommodate these new inhabitants – however, it is sold as a village and that is what makes it attractive, so it needs to be kept as a village where everyone has a part to play.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school was well presented – it was unfortunate about the pre-fab with boarded windows next to it as it detracts from the school itself. The front wall will require a coat of paint in the next year. The Morning Star Pub is very much a village pub and looked well. The Village Stores and petrol station need some attention though next to it the Credit Union was neat and tidy. The Church is a fine building though some work was required on the cemetery wall where part of the stones had fallen. The carpark at the Church was reasonable –some litter was noted and also gravel needs to be tidied away. The village hall looked a bit grey and would benefit from some planters of brightly coloured flowers.

LANDSCAPING

Incidental planting and general landscaping was carried out well. The tree-lined road from King William's Glen was very pleasant and rural. Perhaps the use of more permanent planting could be considered to replace the annual bedding plants as they have year round impact. The village square is pleasant and makes a nice focal point.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This section needs to be addressed and valuable points can be gained. Townley Hall is a wonderful amenity to have so close by – might you consider a wildlife trail through the parkland area that would begin and end in the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was reasonable and a few pieces were noted. With the untidy aspect due to the building, it is sometimes easier for people to throw litter. It was good to hear that prosecutions are being followed through. The anti litter posters were also noted.

TIDINESS

The village ranged from being very tidy e.g. village square, to being quite untidy – e.g. building areas and the area around

the shop where there were several breeze blocks in evidence. Road side verges were generally well cut back though in some areas e.g. the Collon Road, a margin is required in order to unite the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New completed developments looked well though others at various stages cannot be judged until completed. The development opposite the school looked well and the grass was well cut at St. Malachys Terrace. The wasteground opposite had a wealth of poppies which looked very attractive though were there by accident. A house opposite the church displayed a wonderful array of roses and hydrangea – well done. Planting will develop in Arda Ratha, and Lavin Park had some nice planting at the entrance. However inside the park, there were several houses that required their front walls painted and the wall of the play area required painting – in fact, the whole amenity area required immediate attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Where are the speed signs for the village? Speed signs will become more essential as more children locate to the village. The approach roads were reasonable though they did need to be cut back - the weather has been very poor and this has made cutting difficult. There are some lovely secluded areas around the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looked well and is progressing each year. As it expands, be conscious of bringing additional hands on board to help with your work. Best of luck with the implementation of the rest of the plan.