

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tullahought** Ref: **404**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **256**
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	9
TOTAL MARK	400	256

Overall Development Approach:

Tullahought is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included excellent enclosures on your heritage. We note the absence of a planned work programme and encourage you to prepare one in order to guide your progress through the competition. Tullahought is a beautiful village located in beautiful countryside and the community has been pro-active in promoting both the scenic beauty of the surrounding countryside and its cultural heritage; well done. It is suggested that Tullahought be signposted from Owing. The village has been considered for promotion of Heritage award.

The Built Environment:

The E.P. Power premises together with the building opposite have some traditional architectural features which should be retained in the event of future refurbishment. The church and its grounds are beautifully presented and the school and its grounds looked neat on the day of inspection, well done.

Landscaping:

Stands of mature trees are a feature of Tullahought both on approach roads and within the village and these create a strong visual impact and are quite stately; hopefully the young trees that have been planted at various points around the village will provide a wonderful heritage for future generations. Your mature shrubberies at the crossroads were admired for their design, colour and diversity of species and are a very nice feature. Container plants looked well also and we are pleased to see that there is not an over-reliance on these as they only last a season.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife panel and picnic table at one entrance to the village is a most attractive feature and so interesting

and this has been taken into account for award purposes. Verges of approach roads are left in their natural state to nameplates and are nicely trimmed within nameplates which is fine. The sound of running water at the water feature near the wildlife panel together with the comments the importance of the watering place for farming in times past was a most enjoyable experience; well done.

Litter Control:

Litter control was excellent throughout the village, well done keep us informed of your activities under this heading and in particular how you achieve such a high standard as this information can be a source of marks also.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on the neat presentation of the recycling point in the church car park. To make further progress under this heading it is important to identify the amount of waste generated by the community and look for ways of minimising it involving all sectors of the community in addition to collection for recycling.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of Tullahought is one of tidiness; a few incidental entrances and side areas could have been sharpened up a little however these were too minor to numerate.

Residential Areas:

A number of beautiful gardens to private were noted and admired for their design and colour however in too many cases the attention finished at boundary walls some of which looked quite poor, however this is something that might be looked at for next year. The overall appearance of dwellings was positive.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Your nameplates were admired for their excellent maintenance and unusual and attractive shape. Verges already mentioned were neatly trimmed to their roadside edge inside the nameplates and road surfaces were good, footpaths were not noted. The water feature near the wildlife panel has already been alluded to, and stretches of stone walls are being nicely maintained.

General Impression:

Tullahought is presented to an excellent standard and has still managed to maintain its rural ambience and charm and it is good to note that there is not an over-reliance on summer bedding plants