

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tullcoe** Ref: **1430**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **195**
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	400	195

Overall Development Approach:

Tullcoe was entered as part of the drive by SuperValu to work with communities to approve the environmental standards of their areas through participation in the National TidyTowns Competition. Areas were entered on the basis that they fall within the catchment area of the nearest SuperValu store and this 'baseline assessment' is intended to provide a basis on which progress could be made over the coming years through partnership with residents, businesses and local agencies. As such it should not be interpreted as a critique of the area but rather an opportunity for everybody to work together to make their hometown a better place to work, live and visit. As part of SuperValu's strategic approach to sustainable development in the area, a nominal mark has been given to reflect this. Further marks will be awarded in future years where more tangible TidyTowns structures are developed and local environmental plans prepared and implemented.

The Built Environment:

The only public buildings that I could find in this townland were Monaghan's country garage operated from the garage of a bungalow, and Rosemary Mallon's shop. Other than that the area is a residential settlement, with some new housing development. Participation in Tidy Towns would offer the opportunity to help create a sense of identity should residents wish to pursue this option.

Landscaping:

The impressive Celtic Cross to the memory of Sean McCartney is a noted landmark in this townland and in other parts of County Cavan, and it is maintained in immaculate condition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It could be interesting to conduct a survey of the habitats of the wildlife of the area.

Litter Control:

This is farming country with some new houses built at intervals around the townland, and very minimal amounts of litter were visible.

Waste Minimisation:

Without details of ongoing community projects, it was difficult to assess the extent of progress being made under this category and I would look forward to seeing whether progress has in fact been made on future assessments. However taking into account the existing council facilities and SuperValu's own commitment in this area, I believe a nominal mark is appropriate for this year.

Tidiness:

Two derelict houses were noted, and other that this the townland is maintained in an orderly condition.

Residential Areas:

There is an estate of six new exclusive two storey houses recessed back from the main road that are finished to a very high standard. Another smaller estate nearby had three similar houses to the six above. Around the townland there are other new houses spread amongst the farmhouses of the area.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The townland is spread along the main road to Stradone from Canningstown for about a mile and there are other lesser roads branching off. There is no signpost for Tullyco.

General Impression:

It was pleasant to visit Tullyco as it is a very peaceful townland.