

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Tullyvin** Ref: **1127**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **209**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **12/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	30
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	28
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>209</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Tullyvin 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:**

Approaching the village from Cavan one finds Kill Co Op which is a large building with an extensive storage yard, and it is nicely landscaped on the roadside with a selection of shrubs. On arrival in the village there is a striking visual impact of the Handball alley, which is somewhat of a landmark in this vicinity. It has a cold neglected image and the bleakness of the walls could be softened by growing a creeping shrub on it. On the main road the Post Office stands out with a decorative traditional style shop front, and the public house alongside has similar features.

On the left hand side going out from Cavan there an impressive entrance to the large Univet factory premises, which is secluded and well recessed back from the road.

The conversion of the old school on a side road gave a new lease of life to the building, which is now the Community Development Centre, and it is attached at the back to the former dance hall. There is a spacious parking area outside the community centre and I discovered that the centre is extensively used and the car park is often full of cars to cater for dancing classes, a crèche, meetings, indoor sports and a lot of other

activities.

### **Landscaping:**

This hamlet is landscaped to a very high degree with very well trimmed large grassed areas, fine shrubberies and mature and young trees. This large amount of work could not be done on a voluntary basis and I discovered that it is done by the Community Development Association. There is a splendid green area of unique character in the middle of the hamlet.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

It could be interesting to have a survey of the habitats of the wildlife that must be present in the fine trees and fields around the village.

### **Litter Control:**

Generally speaking, there was not much litter present. There was a litter bin near the village green and there were a few plastic bags of litter / waste left beside it which lowered the tone of the area. However, I discovered that these bags were left there for collection by the County Council refuse truck, which picked them up while I was there. This problem could be solved with the provision by the County Council of a bring bank that could be secluded, and the litter segregated into designated bins for collection.

### **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. There are however plenty of ways in which local communities can assist in tackling this growing problem and many useful tips are contained in the Race Against Waste community booklet available from the Tidy Towns Unit in the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

### **Tidiness:**

The handball alley is a blemish to the landscape. A few rusted galvanised iron roofs were noticeable. There was just an isolated few pockets of weeds. Overhead wires have a negative visual impact and perhaps could be put underground.

### **Residential Areas:**

Roughly ten houses make up the residential element of the hamlet. Most are well maintained and landscaped quite good, and two of the houses could be freshened up with painting.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The main road to Coothill from Cavan goes through this picturesque location. The grass margins are landscaped impeccably and give a visually striking impact. The signposts are clean and clear. The side road is not kept in the same condition as the main road, but is tidy.

### **General Impression:**

Having visited Tullyvin for the first time and learned about the place I must immediately pay tribute to the Community Development Association for the wonderful work that they are doing. There certainly are energy and leadership qualities in abundance amongst this community – congratulations to all concerned.