

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tuamgraney** Ref: **90**
County: **Clare** Mark: **259**
Category: **B** Date(s): **12/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	17
Tidiness	30	6
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	259

Overall Development Approach:

Tuamgraney is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your excellent submission. The Committee are to be congratulated on their achievements to date and particularly on gaining the co-operation of the various development agencies and organisations. We would encourage you to keep this level of commitment, as it will bring greater benefits to Tuamgraney and the outlining area overall.

The Built Environment:

Tuamgraney has progressed over the last number of years and it was a pleasure to the adjudicator to traverse the town and its environs. The following commercial businesses took the adjudicators eye Teach Ui Briain, Scoil Pobhal, Charleville House and the East Clare Education Centre. However like all villages and towns across the country you too have dereliction to contend with. Getting people to address issues such as dereliction and upkeep of same is a very delicate operation. It is obvious a lot of work has been undertaken to-date. One premises in particular on the Scarriff Road took hugely away from the overall good picture of Tuamgraney.

Landscaping:

Quite a strong performance in this category, especially in the core area of the village and approach roads. There was a myriad of colour to be seen throughout the village. The entrances, especially the Killaloe entrance, was breath taking. The wonderful stone Failte Signs to your village were very much admired. The Memorial Park was also very much admired, however be careful not to overbeautify same. Try to keep it as natural looking as possible.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You are spoiled for natural habitats. The Heritage Council will help you identify wildlife pockets in the immediate area. Wildlife projects very much appeal to children. You might think of contacting the wildlife ranger in Clare county council, he/she would be able to help the children also, hence children from an early age can learn to appreciate their natural surroundings. Reddens Quay is such a wonderful area. Also Raheen wood but unfortunately the adjudicator failed to gain entry as the gate was locked.

Litter Control:

The town was free of litter on the evening of adjudication and this is a testament to the good work of the committee in advancing the message of good litter control. The community as a whole has embraced this message and have helped in a very practical way in making the town litter free. Keep up this good work.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a reasonably new area to be addressed under the National Tidy Town's competition. The Race against Waste is a campaign in raising awareness of better waste management practices. It is incumbent on us all to embrace this in light of our poor record among the wider European community. The clothing bank was noted at Gala Superstore, however I did not see a bottle bank facility available.

Tidiness:

The adjudicator got the impression there was quite a lot of construction work being carried out in the town and in the area in general. This leads to messy site areas and developments and workers should be encouraged to keep these as tidy as possible.

Residential Areas:

Local residents must be encouraged to maintain properties in good order. The Hillview Estate was very well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

This was one category where improvement would be necessary in Tuamgraney, especially the road from Reddens Quay where the surface was particularly poor.

General Impression:

The general impression of Tuamgraney is that there is great pride of place in the community and a huge effort is being undertaken on a continuous basis. Keep up the good work.