

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Tulla** Ref: **521**  
County: **Clare** Mark: **218**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **01/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	30
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>218</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for your completed application form and excellent sketch map of your village, along with Tulla Tidy Towns Plan 2007 – 2012. This plan allows one to have measurable benchmarks to work to. Congratulations on devising such a clear and concise plan for your village going forward. In the future, your challenge now is to carry out the proposals on a phased basis.

### **The Built Environment:**

Like many other villages situated on a very busy traffic route Tulla is experiencing a significant amount of development. Continue with your efforts to monitor any proposed developments within your village, ensuring that the streetscapes, which characterise Tulla are fully maintained. That aside, your village has many fine examples of well maintained and presented premises both commercial and private. The following caught the adjudicator's eye: The Health Centre, The Court House, Flan Mc Arthurs Pub, Health Food store and O'Meara's Butchers. The church and both schools were also very well presented. There are a number of derelict properties in the core area and also on the outskirts that need attention, but constant encouragement to change may have its effect eventually. Keep up this encouragement.

### **Landscaping:**

O'Reilly Park was looking splendid on the day of adjudication; this is a wonderful amenity for locals and visitors to your town. Keep up the wonderful work. Hanging baskets were also looking splendid on the day. Your work with FAS and the Heritage Council is obvious and will prove beneficial with the passing of time.

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

Continue with your plan of wildlife friendly / Best Practice approach. The Heritage Council will help you to

identify wildlife products in the immediate area. When planting, you should choose plants that will give food support to wildlife in the winter period.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was very good on all approaches and in most housing areas, but you have problems in the village centre e.g. the library area, the courthouse area and the seating area by secondary school, where bottles and cans were visible. All areas need to be addressed from a litter control aspect. Continue with your efforts of encouraging Junior Tidy Towns as it is important that the younger generation become involved in the anti litter movement. Good litter control is vital to raising your marks in this category.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

This is a reasonably new category, which has to be addressed under the National Tidy Towns 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 past record among the wider European community. Refer to the Race Against Waste publication, included with the original application package, for initiatives that can be put in place to benefit the community overall. Congratulations to schools pupils and teachers; each had the green flags flying high on day of adjudication. The bottle bank area is a cause for concern; it was overflowing on day of adjudication and numerous boxes of bottles and cans surrounded same. The abuse of this facility will need to be addressed if you are to improve your marks.

#### **Tidiness:**

As mentioned earlier the area by the library and courthouse needs attention both from a weeding point of view and litter control.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The Powers Court Estate was in pristine condition and we commend all involved. Also O'Reilly Park and numerous private houses putting on a great display of colour and pride in their homes! New developments should be encouraged to landscape to a high degree.

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

Continue to liaise with FAS and the County Council in relation to maintenance of approach roads and grass areas, keeping with native hedge grow etc. Approach road in some areas were not of the best road surface, this is no doubt a consequence of the large volumes of traffic commuting through your village on a daily basis. Your new traffic plan will also help in this regard.

#### **General Impression:**

Tulla continues to develop at a fast rate and your challenge is to ensure that the rural ethos of the village is maintained. New housing estates also offer potential for recruiting new volunteers. We wish you well for the future.