

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tulla** Ref: **521**
County: **Clare** Mark: **223**
Category: **B** Date(s): **08/07/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	24
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	223

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Tulla to the 2009 Tidy Towns Competition. Unfortunately the entry form was very sparsely completed and most adjudication categories provided no information of any sort. From this the adjudicator can only conclude that no works of any sort were carried out in respect of those adjudication categories. No map was provided for the adjudicator and the 3 Year Tidy Towns Plan was not included. These comments are not intended as criticism of any sort. These points are being made to help you in your entry next year. You now have a committee of seven people and that is a great improvement on your entry last year. SuperValu are supporting your work and it was surprising not to see a reference to Clare County Council. Have you been in contact with them? Perhaps LEADER may be able to help you also? Other businesses in Tulla will hopefully support your work as it benefits them as local traders. No contacts were indicated with the Schools and it is suggested that you set up a meeting with the Principals to explore potential joint projects.

The Built Environment:

No projects were indicated under this category. The Limestone faced Library with the three attractive curved windows was examined and the landscaping to the front was admired. The Catholic Church with the flower planters was well presented. However beside the Church the timber windows of the adjoining building needed to be repainted. An Teach OI is one of the buildings in Tulla that stand out. The graphics here were admired by the projecting signs are unfortunate. At the Bank of Ireland the faded Bureau de Change sign needs to be replaced. The landscaping here was admired.

Landscaping:

The landscaping to the front of the Library in several areas added colour here and these colours work well with the grey of the Limestone. Hanging baskets were noted at quite a number of premises including the

Courthouse. These displays added a splash of colour to the village where it is required. Congratulations to everyone who cared for these flower displays. Good landscaping was noted at the Gort – Kilkishen road junction. The work here looked recent but according to the entry for was not included as work for 2009. Just around the corner the boat flower display was admired together with the raised bed here. The landscaping and the grass areas to the front of the Graveyard was an unexpected 'find' in Tulla and the presentation here was quite good.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

No projects were indicated under this category. You could talk with the Schools and see if there are any wildlife projects where you could both work together. A wildlife survey of the Tulla area is one suggestion that might be examined in the future. Another possibility is to meet with the local Wildlife Ranger and get advice from him / her.

Litter Control:

Litter pickers were evidently given to all businesses and this was a great initiative and an unusual one. On the day of the visit litter control in Tulla was quite poor and marked a decline on the adjudication day of last year. At the Bring Centre a lot of dumping had taken place and the official signage was missing. Around the units here and on the short road to the Graveyard much litter was noted. This appears to be the access to the Playschool. If for no other reason this area should be maintained to a much higher standard. Litter was noted along the road on the Playground approach and much litter was evident on Chapel Street. At O'Reilly Park some littering was evident in the larger car parking area. Along Main Street a scattering of litter was evident

Waste Minimisation:

No projects were indicated under this category. This section is about waste reduction in Tulla. Can you talk with businesses and see what possibilities there may be? Recycling also comes into this section.

Tidiness:

No projects were indicated under this category. On the Scarriff approach an untidy area was noted on the right before the Main Street junction. At the School the long green timber fencing needed to be repaired and repainted. Resurfacing of the short road to the Graveyard and the area in front of the Graveyard would greatly improve these areas.

Residential Areas:

No projects were indicated under this category. Some quite good planting was noted at The Old Forge. On the approach past the Playground some very well presented houses caught the eye though some road boundary walls along here needed to be repainted. Beyond the Catholic Church some houses have very good roadside stone walls and fresh painting was evident along here also. Good colour variation at Powers Court makes this quite an attractive estate. Quite a lot of tree planting has taken place here and the overall impact is good.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

No projects were indicated under this category. Very poor road surfaces were noted on the road in past the Playground. All main approach roads needed work and overgrown banks and ditches looked quite untidy and gave a poor impression of Tulla.

General Impression:

The entry form indicated that your last entry was in 1998 but in fact it was in 2008. Do try and talk with the various agencies that may be able to help you and good luck with your work for next year.