

Tidy Towns 1996

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LEIXLIP**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the most informative questionnaire and detailed map supplied. It is clear that your Committee have once again been very busy over the past 12 months with quite a number of projects having been undertaken. As part of the new format for the competition you will be required, next year, to submit a 3-5 year work programme/plan which will be included in the marking structure. The plan should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives. Remember a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

I noted from your questionnaire that you left this heading blank. I visited Ryevale Lawns and found a lovely wooded area which had been named Squirrel Woods and an information board was also located there to inform you of the habitat. Your riverside walk is another example of an area where wildlife would be present and was well presented. A good starting point would be to invite your local environmental experts/groups to assist you in identifying the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. You may even like to involve the local schools in this project.

### LANDSCAPING

Your choice of shrubs and flowers and where they have been located are to be commended. There are some lovely landscaped areas around Leixlip among them the area at the junction of Green Lane and Station road which was well presented. The area in front of Super Valu on Celbridge road was also well presented and had a lovely colourful presentation of flowers. There were also some nicely presented flower beds opposite Ryevale Lawns. The riverside walk area was very well maintained with all the grass areas neat and tidy. The embankment area on Station road was looking much better than last year.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Intel have quite a large complex on the west side of Leixlip and should be commended for the beautiful presentation of their premises and grounds. All three of the Hotels were looking very well on the day of inspection. The Catholic Church and grounds had a lovely display of rose bushes and the old stone wall was well maintained. There are quite a number of businesses in Leixlip which deserve credit and these would include AIB Bank, Odyssey, Bernard Owens Menswear and the Middle Shop Pub which were all well presented with a variety of hanging baskets and colourful window boxes. Condon OConnell Accountants and the businesses on this block should also be commended for the presentation of their premises. Improvements could be made to businesses like Tuthills with its plastic signage, the Credit Union, Shopping Mall and C-Cabs offices which were all dull. The ESB building was also very dull and could be enhanced. The Salmon Leap Pub and O'Hagans Fashions had a nice display of hanging baskets and window boxes.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general throughout Leixlip was quite good. There were minor exceptions in the centre of the town and one or two housing areas. More attention is needed to litter control especially in the main street.

### TIDINESS

Full credit to your Committee for all the hard work in tackling weed control along kerbsides; it was a large improvement on last year. In general Leixlip was neat and tidy on the day of inspection. It was a pity that flyposting was noticeable at the junction of Captains Hill and that illegal caravans had taken over the car

park area at Louisa Bridge beside the canal walk.

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicator spent several hours visiting all the different housing estates and apart from one or two minor exceptions residents should be congratulated for the appearance of their estates. Ryevale estate has a minor problem with kerbside weeds which would need attention. Rockingham Estate has no estate name since the removal of the builders bill board. Once again well done to all residents.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Intel approach road is by far the best with the well landscaped grounds of the plant and clear road markings. The approach from Dublin i.e. Leixlip road was well maintained with the ivy trimming noted and the removal of silt also noted. The other approaches of Easton road, Celbridge road and Captains Hill were also well presented. Improvements could be made around the bridge as the fencing was in disrepair. Most of the back areas and estate roads were clean and tidy and it was noticeable that weed control was well taken care of.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Leixlip is slowly finding its feet since the by-pass has come along. Your Committee has done quite a lot over the last twelve months and should be congratulated for all the hard work and effort put in. Good luck and well done.