

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISAVAIRD**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	167	--

Lisavaird, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to see Lisavaird back in the Competition after an absence of three years, and also to see that considerable work has recently been done. Standards are rising everywhere, and the challenge should be exciting; centres which have done best are those which have produced a 3/5 year Development Plan, identifying priorities and setting a time scale for the completion of new projects. Your fund-raising seems to be very successful. Keep in regular contact with the official organisations which can be helpful, and also those listed in the printed material sent out with the Tidy Towns booklet. Your map does not seem to be entirely accurate (see comments below) but was nonetheless useful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church is very well maintained, as is the School - but it is disappointing that the school wall built in the past year (see your answer to No. 4a of the Questionnaire) has already lost a number of its capstones. The industrial premises on the main road and the Church road, are both well kept. The Pike Bar is well presented - though plastic and mass-produced signage is not recommended. The shop in the village centre is very spruce indeed.

LANDSCAPING

Planting on the main roads is attractive and well looked after. The fenced green triangle on the way to Sams Cross is neatly laid out. The wide verges where the new road to Sams Cross meets the main road presents a challenge for good landscaping which has not yet been reached. Six new trees marked on the map as No. 8 could not be seen - perhaps they are very small and have been hidden by weeds?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The rural situation of Lisavaird makes it the ideal centre for the encouragement of local flora and fauna. The emphasis in this section is on the conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats - such as hedgerows, woodland, graveyards, streams, marshes, ponds etc. If there is a local expert, his or her advice should be sought; otherwise, the guidance notes sent to you from Conservation Volunteers Ireland might be helpful.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little disposable litter on adjudication day - congratulations.

TIDINESS

There was considerable kerbside weed in the village centre on adjudication day, and also in the neighbourhood of the school - none of this should have been difficult to deal with. The old section of road to Sams Cross was untidy, especially round the entrance to a commercial premises; this whole area needs to be given thought in

your future planning.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses old and new were well looked after. There are a number of very well presented homes with fine gardens, especially on the Church road and nearby.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach roads give a very good impression on arrival in Lisavaird. The white stones look attractive, as well as being useful as safety devices in poor light. Stone walls are one of the best features of the village, especially on the north side of the Church road and the entrance to the Hall; any continuance of wall building to this high standard will be welcomed. Some concrete fencing is in need of repair - the new timber fencing is much to be preferred, though one section could not be found (at No. 7 on map). The junction of the new road to Sams Cross with the main road cannot be adequately assessed until the house-building on this corner has been completed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An attractive village where there is still much to be achieved, but good work is in progress and this bodes very well for the future.