

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISCARROLL**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	23	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	187	178

Liscarroll, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is very encouraging to note that the committee is working closely with so many statutory bodies. The litter awareness programme in the schools is obviously reaping awards. The committee deserves special commendation for the completion of the village green project. The problems you have highlighted with regard to derelict buildings have been noted and it is recommended that your work in this area should remain high on your list of priorities. At this stage the committee should consider developing a long term work plan with inputs from bodies like the County Council.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The principal public buildings such as the church and the school were well maintained. The school should be complimented on its bright and colourful window display. The community centre will soon have to be re-painted. In general the business premises in the village were well presented. In particular the Wallis public house was greatly admired. The dwelling houses on the main street looked very colourful and the stone front houses deserve special praise. It was noted that a number of derelict sites exist. The committee is to be commended on their perseverance in tackling this problem. The paint scheme you have undertaken is to be commended and the results are very evident.

LANDSCAPING

The village green is a wonderful amenity and is superbly located with the castle as a spectacular back-drop. The village green is a credit to the community and their endeavours. Flower boxes and barrels are used to good effect throughout the village. The landscaping in the community centre car park is an excellent example of improving the appearance of open spaces.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committees resolution to dedicate a flower bed in the village green to plant species under threat deserves commendation. Liscarroll should develop this area further. The committee should seek the advice of a local wildlife expert on developing some wildlife habitats in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

There was not much litter in evidence despite the fact that a festival had just begun. In order to maintain this high standard the committee should pursue with their policy of providing extra bins.

TIDINESS

Overall there was a high level of tidiness in the village and its environs. Areas that deserve particular praise include the entrance to the G.A.A. field, the area around the school and the church. The high standard which prevailed throughout the town

was let down by the appearance of the area at the side of the co-op and the front of the dwelling house which is in close proximity to the co-op.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is very evident that this is an area in which the community takes a great deal of pride. There were some excellent examples of well-maintained gardens and houses. One in particular that should be commended is the example of the houses on the Buttevant road which showed a very high level of maintenance. The houses on the main street are also well presented with some fine examples of restored stone work. Residents should be encouraged to maintain these high standards.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard of presentation of approach roads was very satisfactory, in particular the Charleville approach road was very well maintained. However, there are a number of signpost poles on the approach roads that require repair. The main street is very well presented and was very festive in appearance. The abandoned car in the field opposite the village green detracts from this area. The village green has the potential to become a very popular visitor amenity area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Liscarroll is obviously a very progressive community, committed to its continued development. It is apparent that its participation in the competition has helped give the village a specific focus and if the commitment and enthusiasm are maintained the village will continue to make significant progress.