

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LAWRENCETOWN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	11
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	154	149

Lawrencetown, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and for enclosing the map and copy of your development plan. It is a very realistic plan which you have drawn up and should be realised within your time scale. Lawrencetown is a very small village. The entire community should be working together. Do not just leave the work to the same few hard working committee members. Remember it is your home and that should be the first priority to make it a more enjoyable place to live in. It is a very compact village, but at present it lacks colour. I look forward to seeing the planned projects develop over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done for boarding up P. Mitchell's premises. I would suggest that you visit some other villages that have derelict premises and see how they have overcome this problem. Kinvara is a good example of this. I do not like to mention individual premises but K. Forde's shop could certainly do with a facelift; a fresh coat of paint would go a long way. The Post Office looks very nice, as do the church and grounds. The Community Hall looks very nice and also the window boxes at the national school look attractive. Carr's Tyres could be presented better. Forde's was mentioned in last year's report, and it must be a little disheartening for the committee when they are not receiving full co-operation from the business community. Paddy's Lounge, Cogavin's and the Health Centre would all look much more attractive if flower boxes or hanging baskets were provided. It would add a great splash of colour to the village.

LANDSCAPING

The landscape around Lawrencetown looks very attractive. Your tree planting programme is commendable. Trees are the most important plants in the urban landscape. The siting of ornamental trees in towns and villages is a key aspect, each tree should have a purpose. I note your plans for future tree planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You are most fortunate to have such an abundance of wildlife habitats in your village and obviously you are so knowledgeable. It is wonderful that the young people are so involved and congratulations to the young lady Ruth Heery. Other towns and villages could certainly benefit from your expertise.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter by the telephone kiosk. Use a little imagination to enhance this area. I know litter can be a problem in many towns and villages, but people will have to be educated to stop littering. Litter does not simply happen, it is caused. Almost everyone is guilty of contributing to the problem at one time or another and everyone can play a part in helping to achieve a

solution.

TIDINESS

Overall the village looks neat and tidy, apart from some problems mentioned above. The stone walls throughout look very nice and also the new footpaths. When Telecom Eireann introduce their new technology and poles are removed etc. this should greatly add to the appearance of Lawrencetown.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A good individual effort made here. If every house owner takes care of their own property and tries to make it as attractive as possible with nice neat gardens and freshly painted boundary walls, an overall better appearance is created.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Ballinasloe looks absolutely lovely. The area is neat and trim and presented to a very high standard. The stone flower tubs here look lovely. Also, the stone flower beds on the outskirts beside the big white house look most attractive and colourful. The Portumna approach is neat but the nameplate looks bad on the Eyrecourt approach. This has been pointed out to you last year. If the council will not undertake to do this then the community will have to come up with a solution. It was very disappointing to see this again. Marks will be deducted in future if this is not rectified.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Lawrencetown is steeped in history and is a lovely place to visit. You have received an increase of 5 marks which is very good, mainly because of landscaping and wildlife projects and also for implementing your development plan. May I wish you continued success for the future.