

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISDOWNEY**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	195	189

Lisdowney, Co. Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

In what is only your second year in the competition your Committee are to be congratulated on what they have achieved to date both in terms of fundraising, voluntary effort and working with official bodies. Your plan for 1997 is most impressive. You should now also however be thinking in terms of 1998 and onwards. Last year you got a very comprehensive report on your Tidy Towns effort. The comments hereunder should be taken in conjunction with that report for the purpose of future planning.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Comments made under this heading last year are still appropriate. There are still one or two derelict sites in the environs of the village which could be repaired and put to other use or alternatively dismantled.

LANDSCAPING

When planting trees this should be done judiciously as too many only creates clutter while judicious planting will soften the landscape. Before planting consult with your Local Authority, Coillte or such appropriate body. Existing planting looks very well. Also do not lose sight of planting flowering shrubs which will give some colour on an all-year-round basis. Due to the high level of maintenance care should be taken when planting flowers both in terms of quantity and quality.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category in the competition. The emphasis is on conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment. Woodland, rivers, ponds, hedgerows, grass margins, open spaces, graveyards and walls are important habitats. Your Committee should identify them in your area and then determine the appropriate actions to be taken to conserve and enhance these habitats. Guidelines in the Tidy Towns book offer other suggestions as to the type of initiatives you might undertake. In doing so and if available you should consult a local wildlife expert or a member of your Community with experience in this area.

LITTER CONTROL

Congratulations to all concerned. There was practically no litter to be seen on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

Your comments in respect of overhead cables, etc have been noted. However, the broken walls still remain and while the village is generally very tidy these do, in fact, take away from its overall appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is obviously full support from the residents of Lisdowney as all houses, almost without exception, were very well presented and congratulations are due to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are very good. As stated last year, wall building has been most impressive. Approach roads however do need some attention by way of trimming the verges. This perhaps is an area where your FAS workers can get involved but bearing in mind that they should not totally obliterate the grass from the verges but allow an area for wildflowers to grow. In other words only cut half way back from the road edge to the hedge.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a most pleasant village indeed with an obvious high level of Community spirit. It will take you a year or two to implement all your plans but in doing so you will continue to make further progress in the Tidy Towns Competition.