

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LECARROW**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 23                | 22                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 18                | 16                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 22                | 20                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 15                | 14                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 26                | 26                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 11                | 12                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 12                | 12                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 20                | 18                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 5                 | 5                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>152</b>        | <b>145</b>        |

## **Lecarrow, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Lecarrow is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and map, both of which were helpful for adjudication. Thank you also for an outline of your development plan; this is an important approach for the overall development of the village. It makes interesting reading and is quite ambitious. Lecarrow obviously has an important history, its historic buildings bear witness to this. The fact that it also boasts a canal and river means that there is great potential for recreational amenity development.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

'Kelly's' might consider replacing their plastic neon fascia sign with one of more appropriate material. Some properties on the road down to the harbour look a little run down and would benefit from upgrading in one form or other, e.g. tidying, painting, landscaping. St. John's Community Centre looks well. However, the carpark is large and underdeveloped in appearance. Perhaps the creation of carparking bays with tree planting or a planted roundabout or a stone flowerbed at its roadside boundary would take the bare look from it. Kelly's Lounge Bar looks especially well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The newly landscaped area located across from Kelly's is still quite juvenile; no doubt it will make a significant contribution to the overall appearance of the village as it matures. Other landscaped areas in the centre of the village are looking very well. The area round the handball alley has enormous potential for recreational amenity development also. Young trees planted at the commercial premises on the road down towards the harbour will screen this effectively as they mature. All stretches of grass bank within the nameplates should be landscaped.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The committee might consider featuring stands of seasonal display of local wildflowers on roadside verges. The harbour is a wonderful natural amenity and the community has it presented to an excellent standard with neatly cut grass verges and young, maturing and mature trees. Is there scope for the development of a children's playground on a site in the environs of the harbour?

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is excellent, well done. Try to sustain this standard throughout the year.

### **TIDINESS**

Well done on the location of the skip at the harbour; this is accessible and at the same tidy visually unobtrusive. The skip itself looks well, being brightly painted. The storage shed to the roadside of the mill looks rather untidy and could be improved. Don't forget to

remove all traces of building material when construction work has ceased.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

One or two residential properties down at the harbour need a little improvement to their facade and boundary wall. Otherwise the presentation under this heading is quite good.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Verges along the main road are well presented. Namestones for the village look well. New stone walls and stone flowerbeds around the village look quite magnificent. As mentioned above the carpark could be landscaped. Street furniture is generally well presented.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Lecarrow is a beautiful village on a busy thoroughfare which on further investigation by the travelling public has much more to offer than would first appear. The solitude down at the harbour is quite beautiful

to experience given that it is so close to the N61. Your further development of the area must include other

areas of solitude such as nature trails, quiet seated areas and such developments. Thank you for your continued participation, we look forward to many repeat visits.