

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISACUL**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	13	13
The Built Environment	40	15	14
Landscaping	40	12	10
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	126	118

Lisacul, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Lisacul is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. It was a pleasure to note the landscaping throughout the village and to note from your questionnaire that many trees have been sponsored by local people. The village is obviously steeped in history given its many forts, its old abbey, Crannog and other historical features. Perhaps the landscaped area at the crossroads could feature a little of the history of the village and interpret these for the visitor. It would be a good idea to signpost the children's burial ground and the Crannog and lake from the main road at the junction just before the Post Office. Don't forget to include the distance also. A journey down beyond the bridge on adjudication day did not reveal any sign of either features. The same point can be made in respect of the fort. Signposting might also be accompanied with a little of the local history of these features. With next year's submission perhaps you could send in an outline of their history also. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and sketch map. Don't forget to send in details of your planned work programme with next year's application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and church are presented to an excellent standard. The majority of buildings in the village are well presented and particularly well painted. The hall looks especially well.

LANDSCAPING

You might consider extending your landscaping programme (tree planting) behind the stone wall of the sports grounds beside the school and either behind or in front of the wall across the road from it. The landscaped corner in at the crossroads featuring the new stone walls is both colourful and tidy and most appropriate as these have year round rather than simply seasonal interest. An opportunity exists to landscape the tiny traffic island which forms a road junction between the crossroads in the centre of the village and the Post Office.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The survey undertaken by the young people in the village is a really good idea. It is unfortunate that you did not send in the results of the survey. Do you have any plans now to adopt a wildlife project for the village based on the results of the survey? Do give this information for next year. It may be a good idea to feature a seasonal display of local wildflowers on the grass verges between the Post Office and the village centre.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, well done. Not only should you aim to maintain this standard, but also improve on it year by year.

TIDINESS

The tree planting on the roadside of the derelict building at the crossroads at the Ballaghderreen end of the village compensates for

the state of this old building and looks particularly well. It also creates a nice introduction into the village. A problem under this heading is the outbreaks of weed growth here and there, although this is not a serious problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Work in progress was noted on the construction of new residential properties; no doubt these will be presented to the high standard achieved for other properties around the village. Don't forget to remove all traces of building material when construction work has ceased.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Nameplates and approach roads to the village look well. The wide green verges and young tree planting at the Ballyhaunis entrance to the village are being maintained to an exceptional standard and these trees will make a significant contribution to the overall appearance of the village as they mature. Newly constructed stone walls look exceptionally well; be vigilant regarding weed growth at their base.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Lisacul is one of neatness, tidiness and a genuine interest in the environment. We look forward to monitoring your progress in the competition over the coming years. Thank you for your continued participation.