

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISMORE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	21
Litter Control	40	32	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	222	211

Lismore, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Lismore Tidy Towns Committee must be thanked for the very well completed questionnaire and entry form, comprehensive Development Plan, including photographs, much relevant information and a copy of the booklet, A Walking Tour of Lismore, Co. Waterford. All was of great interest to the Adjudicator. Great credit is due to the Committee for their success in getting financial assistance and for the commitment got from the community and from FÁS. Lismore has many natural advantages in the new format competition and with their forward planning is making the best of these. The street names were very much appreciated and in addition to their usefulness they look extremely well co-ordinating with both the lamp posts and litter containers. All the proposals for 1997, when carried out will add considerably to an already very remarkable town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Lismore is a very fine town with beautiful housing and public buildings that fortunately have not been damaged or improved during the past few decades. It is justly called a Heritage Town. There are fine urban spaces, particularly on Main Street which has been beautifully enhanced by wall planters. There is a wonderful range of building types from the Castle, Heritage Centre, St. Carthages Parish Church and St. Carthages Cathedral. West Street with its business premises, the new housing at Bankfield, the charming small houses on New Street, Chapel Street and many smaller features of interest. These would include the Bridge, the Monument, the Spout, the grotto. All the approach roads are excellent and inviting. The removal of overhead wires and the addition of new lighting standards make a tremendous difference. It is good to see this work as on going and when completed will have been really worthwhile. Every effort should be made to retain the existing stucco finishes. The lettering and workmanship on these buildings is of a very high order. They are the type of craftsmanship which can never be duplicated or replicated.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout is excellent with good choice of containers and plant material. There are a few places which could do with some screen planting: the 38kV ESB sub-station on the Cappoquin road entrance to the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Lismore because of its location, on the south bank of the River Blackwater, has many advantages under this section of Wildlife and Natural Amenities. Because it has been a forgotten gem of Irelands beauty spots for over 30 years, little damage has been done to the various habitats and the work that is now being carried out enhances an already rich stock.

LITTER CONTROL

As mentioned before, the success of the community involvement, together with the commitment from the Girls School in litter control is very obvious as almost no litter was noted. They are to be congratulated on an operation perfectly carried out. The fine litter bins in black and gold look very well.

TIDINESS

On the whole there is an air of tidiness throughout the town, only marred occasionally, as for example by Floral Distributors of Ireland Limited.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All the residential areas are most attractive. The new housing at Bankfield blends successfully with its older neighbours; the houses along New Street, typical tenant housing, are a good example of that type and those on Chapel Street are extremely attractive. Derelict or unoccupied houses are being satisfactorily restored and construction of new houses is in keeping with the general architectural features.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Traffic flow, as a result of parking, would seem to be a problem at Main Street and Ferry Lane where the road is very narrow. Certain simple parking controls could easily solve these problems. It is noted that yellow line markings on Ferry Lane corner are proposed for 1979. All the roads, street and back areas are extremely pleasant and many unoccupied or derelict houses are being reconstructed, while successfully retaining the character of the town.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is a great surprise to come on Lismore with its beautiful treed approach roads from which one enters into a town of very handsome aspect. All the houses and buildings are of excellent design and the mixture of styles and sizes has a wonderful cohesion about them. The country at large must be thankful to the citizens of Lismore who are putting in so much effort into ensuring that this wonderful heritage survives our present era when so much that is historical and beautiful has been destroyed. Very many thanks and appreciation to all involved.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/8/97)

Lismore looked quite magnificent on second adjudication also. Litter control was excellent and there was a general air of tidiness and indeed festivity with the colourful flower and shrub displays. A number of residential properties along East Main Street need to be painted together with a number of boundary walls along the South Mall. From the information given in your development plan, the committee is very well aware of the projects that need to be tackled over the next few years. We wish you well in the completion of all projects and look forward to observing your progress. Congratulations on work that has been achieved to

date. The public toilets look really well and they are probably the best any where in the country. The re-opening of Lady Louise's Walk is a fine achievement and one that makes a significant contribution to the amenity value of the town.