

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	19
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>154</b>

## **Lawrencetown, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Having studied the response to the questionnaire, this adjudicator was greatly pleased and interested in what he saw on arriving for the first time in Lawrencetown. The village was looking bright and inviting on adjudication day. You are probably being over-modest in saying that this is a transition year, and perhaps it is, but good work seems to have been done. Clearly there is a lot more to do - the results will be looked forward to, based on the proposals set out in your 5-year Plan.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church, Parochial Hall and School are all neatly maintained. The business premises are generally well looked after; try and discourage plastic or mass-produced signs on shops. The Post Office looked particularly pleasant with its floral decorations. A very interestingly-shaped building was in process of construction at the centre of the village; this is a major project, the completion of which is eagerly anticipated. The large white building at the head of the street is the dominating factor - it is nicely painted and looks exceptionally dignified. A pity that PVC glazing bars have been inserted. Egan's is outside the competition area, but it is hoped that it will find a buyer who will recondition this fine prominent building.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Young trees very much in evidence, and trim grassed areas, create a feeling of freshness and spaciousness. The new flowerbeds, and incidental planting throughout the village, are a pleasing bonus.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The comments of last year's adjudicator still pertain. The conservation of splendid mature timber has a very positive bearing in this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was particularly in evidence near the Health Centre. Do not rely overmuch on the weekly visit of the sweeper from outside the village; each householder, shopowner official in a public building has a duty to pick up any litter which may unfortunately have been dropped close by. (The solution, of course, is not to drop litter at all! - easy to say, but difficult to arrange.)

### **TIDINESS**

In spite of the foregoing, Lawrencetown is a reasonably tidy

village. Brown dead weeds which have been poisoned along kerbs can look as untidy as the weeds themselves. Builders' debris should always be removed once the job is finished.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The older houses in the village are very pleasantly presented; some of the newer houses have delightful gardens. The small estate of six houses on the outskirts was also looking trim on adjudication day.

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

Approach roads are well presented. Surfaces and paving are good. The stone walls, like the well-kept grass verges, are a first-rate feature of Lawrencetown: it was good to see this excellent work continuing in the local tradition.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A bright and prosperous-looking village, of which much is expected in the coming years.