

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	22
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
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	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	195

Lisdowney, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to see that with your Tidy Towns effort you have the full support of the local community together with state bodies such as Telecom Eireann, the ESB and FAS. In this connection your village renewal plan which you are developing with BNS Rural Development and Kilkenny County Council should be a great additional to your community in identifying further projects to be carried out in the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The work which you have carried out on the walls in the village is remarkable to say the least. It is the finest example of wall restoration that this adjudicator has seen this year. Heartiest congratulations to all concerned. On adjudication day the church and its grounds, the school and the community hall were very well presented. The church and its surroundings in particular were excellent. As you have pointed out there are some walls which are in need of repair and these were observed on adjudication day. It is suggested that this should be a priority project for 1999. The development of the car park is also a very nice project.

LANDSCAPING

Your plans for landscaping the car park and other areas of the village have been noted. Do however take into consideration the suggestions made in last year's report in terms of seeking the best advice available and choosing plants and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all year round basis.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is appreciated that in a small village it is difficult to know what projects might be undertaken under this heading. However there maybe an area close by which would lend itself to the development of a habitat for wild birds or the development of a duck pond or some such facility. There are guidelines in the Tidy Towns book which may be able to help you in this respect. Again, if possible, take the best advice you can get from a person with experience in that area.

LITTER CONTROL

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

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a neat and tidy manner on adjudication day. However, as already mentioned, the broken walls take away from this overall appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Almost without exception, all the private houses in Lisdowney were again presented in a very nice manner and some had very pleasant gardens in full bloom. The individual effort is a most important part of the Tidy Towns competition and it was obvious on adjudication day that you had their support. Your comments regarding the removal of overhead cables were noted and hopefully this will be another project which you will achieve for 1999.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads in general were reasonably good. If possible you should embark on a hedge and verge trimming programme for 1999 bearing in mind the comments made in previous reports regarding the cutting of verges and leaving sufficient room for the propagation of wild flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Lisdowney is a most pleasant village. You have done exceptional work on the built environment. In conjunction with your community and the other bodies with whom you are working, try to draw up a 3 year plan and in the process pinpoint specific projects which you can achieve within your physical and financial resources. This has been the secret of success in the competition for other centres with a view to achieving additional marks every year.