

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	13	13
The Built Environment	40	15	15
Landscaping	40	14	12
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>126</b>

## **Lisacul, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This is a very scattered village with no real centre. Adjudicated from just before yield sign on Loughglynn Road to beyond P.O. on Lisadaly Road and from church graveyard on Ballyhaunis Road to village sign on Ballaghaderreen Road. There was evidence of a FAS landscaping scheme taking place on the Loughglynn Road and there seems to be an old stream/canal there. Perhaps this could be opened up. The new and reconstructed walls on the Loughglynn and Ballyhaunis Road look good. No doubt you are planning to do the same on the Ballaghaderreen Road.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

This is very mixed. Some houses are good, nicely painted and well presented but others, such as the Garda Barracks, could look a lot better - especially the garden of the barracks. All premises, including the pub could benefit from the addition of window boxes/flower containers. The church and the school look good - the murals on the wall of the school are a nice idea - but the grounds of the school could be weeded.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The tree planting is coming on nicely but the grass verges on the side of the road opposite the church need cutting back and the stone container by the church could be improved by the addition of flowers. The 1944 graveyard looks well but, again, some weeding is needed on the main graveyard pathway. The walls are nicely painted and the flower tubs look good. At the curve of the road beyond the school going towards the church there are nice new trees planted and this could also be made into a focal point by the use of a flower display.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There was no evidence of a wildlife survey and no signs visible to any of the features such as the crannog, lake, childrens' burial ground, fort etc. The only evidence of a fort in the school area was a badly wired off square in the ground which looked like a trapdoor. Unable to find anything else significant there. A lot could be done to highlight these features and improve access to them as well as providing information panels nearby. Maybe the Heritage Service, Duchas, could be asked to give more assistance here and some local historian may also be able to help.

### **TIDINESS**

The school sign and the road sign should be put back on their poles or the poles removed. Verges on all roads, not including wildflowers, should be cut back, weeds at base of walls, roadways and sides of

buildings should be removed.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Good - keep it up. It might help to have some litter bins as there were none in evidence. Watch for bill posting.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some houses well maintained and the trees are maturing nicely and stone walls look good.

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

Derelict buildings are a problem but one hopes when the one at the crossroads is sold that the new owner will improve it. The old rusted trailer by the newly built house by the side of the Lisryan Road should be removed. The community hall is an attractive building and the exterior is good but there is some damage to the door. The flower containers outside are overgrown.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village needs a focus and direction signs to the attractions it has. It might help if you got some professional advice on preparing a development plan for the next 3/5 years and submitted it with next year's application. Meanwhile thank you for entering the Tidy Towns Competition and keep up the good work.