

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	23
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	234	222

Lismore, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form, map, 3 year Development Plan, Progress Report, Conservation Report, letters and folder of photographic evidence. It is indeed a most comprehensive information pack. Well done to all concerned. It is very much appreciated. You are indeed very lucky to have a well organised Committee including 6 officers. It is the basis for a very good and hard working Committee who go about the task of improving the town for the benefit of the Community as a whole. No doubt it is appreciated. Your efforts for collecting money to finance the various projects appears to be working well and is spread throughout the Community so that all can contribute. Your progress to date is excellent and it is wonderful to see almost all of your plan was completed for 1997 with just two outstanding items remaining. Your plan for 1998 contains a huge number of tasks to be done. No doubt a hard working Committee like yours will complete most of the tasks planned for the year. It is indeed remarkable organisation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Lismore is extremely lucky to have some very fine public buildings and they include the Castle, Heritage Centre, the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church. The commercial bank buildings were presented to a very high standard and looked well. The Library is situated in delightful grounds which are maintained and presented very well. The Garda Station is well presented and the Grotto which is maintained in excellent condition had a lovely selection of shrubs and plants. The white seats here - one need to be repaired and both needed painting. The house at the top of Gallows Hill between the two roads, was delightfully presented and well maintained. Buildings at the back of this do need some attention. The tennis courts again were well maintained. The Public Toilets were maintained very well. Do keep up this good work. Both churches looked extremely well as were their grounds. The Teagasc offices are again presented to a high standard. A good effort is being made by the business Community to present their properties to the highest possible standard. The new shopfronts including 'The Acorn' and 'Maddens' do help to improve the overall appearance of Main Street. No doubt over the coming years the remaining properties which need a facelift will come on board with you. Hopefully before the year is out work will commence on screening the ESB sub-station and Telecom Eireann will do some work on the Exchange.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout Lismore is one of a very high

standard and great care and attention has been taken to present it in the best possible light. Great care has been taken with new planting. The choice of species overall is very good. The maintenance and management of them throughout is extremely good. The street nameplate at Hospital Lane looked most attractive on the stone wall did is the flowerbed which had a lovely selection of plants and shrubs. Well done to all concerned here. The Pump area received lovely treatment which looked delightful, very tasteful and stylish. The trees planted are maturing throughout the town and in the open green spaces. The open green spaces are maintained to a very high standard. Across the road from the Esso Station there was some delightful planting to be seen. It really is excellent. The planting done on the Tallow Road in 1997 is maturing very well, was in good condition and well maintained. A geranium bed at the base of a tree in the Mall area looked extremely well and the adjudicator was not too sure whether it was the one you planned to plant for the Tidy Towns 40th Anniversary. It was not indicated on the map or did not appear to be numbered so hence the uncertainty.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Congratulations and well done to the Lismore Tidy Towns Committee for inviting the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland to visit the town in October last. The report produced and presented is excellent and it is an example what can be done by getting guidance from organisations such as this. It is a very comprehensive and well balanced report. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your Community. You now have a plan which is an excellent starting point for you. Properly managed wildlife will add greatly to the Lismore area. There are wonderful plans outlined for the canal, riverwalk/strand, Beech Grove, the Library grounds and Deerpark Road. Again well done to all concerned and when this plan is implemented over the coming years it will be a wonderful amenity for both the Community of Lismore and visitors to the town. No doubt the Committee will complete this plan and will do it to an extremely high standard. You have wonderful wildlife habitats throughout including the river, the hedgerows, the canal and the Library grounds among others. It was wonderful to see the ducks in the canal and all appeared to be having a great time !

LITTER CONTROL

Your plan for litter control throughout is working extremely well. There was just a few small pieces in Hospital Lane; a few pieces scattered throughout the entrance area to the Church of Ireland on the green area on both sides and a few pieces in the carpark by the hotel. It is great to see the Tidy Towns Committee and the local Community co-operate on an on-going basis to ensure that all areas are maintained in a litter-free state. The Community is very anti-litter aware and with the provision of litter bins in the right places it does help to keep it almost litter-free. Well done to all concerned!

TIDINESS

The control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings throughout the town was extremely good. The odd black spot was mentioned last year and there are slight improvements. However you will continue to work on these and hopefully you will get results sooner rather than later.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of almost all residential properties throughout the town are presented to a very high standard. There was a lovely mix of different types of houses throughout the town. The period houses in the South Mall have been restored carefully in some instances with some nice colour schemes being used. Well done to the residents in Mountain View, Ashley Court, the Parks Road, the Bank Field and Town Park who continue to put great effort in presenting and maintaining their properties to a very high standard. Well done to all. However, in some areas boundary walls and railings would need attention. A seat at the Bank Field housing estate does need to be repaired and the grass around the trees to be tidied. The house in Chapel Place are maintained to a very high standard and the colour scheme used on the houses is most attractive. You have indicated your problem area regarding the properties on East Main Street. Your efforts here are to be commended and hopefully in time all the owners will co-operate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads are maintained to an extremely high standard and are neat and tidy looking. The Bridge does look well, is maintained to a very high standard and the street lamps look most attractive. You have done quite an amount of work including the improvement at the entrance to the river, cleaned the area in front of the small thatch on the Vee road which now looks delightful. You have tidied the Strand Walk and also cleaned the Bridge at the end of the Canal on the main Cappoquin road. You have also painted some gateways and some areas of the town. Perhaps you might get the Lismore Estate to treat the timber gates which are erected on the Vee road and the Tallow road. There is a white gate on the Vee road which needs painting. The carpark at the hotel is maintained to a very high standard with the trees and shrubs planted there are maturing very nicely. The overall handling of signage is extremely good and no doubt you will handle any new signage in the appropriate manner and do not overlook the usage of bilingual signage. I do hope that you will succeed with your plan for providing suitable access for persons with disabilities at the Church area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns Committee have put in a huge amount of effort over the past few years and continue to do so. Well done to all concerned. You continue to present the town very well and are

making great efforts to overcome some difficult problems. Your work over the years has done much to improve the presentation of the town of Lismore. No doubt the Community do appreciate the trojan efforts you are making on their behalf. With the amount of effort and hard work which that is being put in by the Tidy Towns Committee assisted by the various agencies, Lismore can only continue to improve and prosper in this Competition. Well done to you all on a fine achievement to date in making this town a delightful place to live and to visit !

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/98)

Your detailed submission accompanying the entry was exceptionally useful during the second adjudication. Lismore is going from strength to strength and is now well into the top league of the Competition. Litter again was not a problem, similarly weed growth (on the whole). The consistent manner by which so many public and private buildings are adorned with flowers is highly commendable. The main approaches, especially where work has been undertaken on the fine stone walls were admired. The picturesque view on the Dungarvan approach could scarcely be rivaled. Other recent work including upgraded shop fronts, the ducting of services, the tackling of derelict sites and the provision of new footpaths all are evidence of an extraordinarily active community led by the Tidy Towns Committee. We definitely look forward to returning next year !