

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LUSK**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	176

Lusk, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Lusk Tidy Towns committee is to be congratulated once again on its efforts. Plans are progressing well with your development plan and the continued support from Fingal County Council is noted. Your creative ability with the Coat of Arms competition, 'Keep Lusk Tidy' posters and the postcard initiative is an example to other committees throughout the country. We look forward to the completion of other projects for next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Much has been achieved in this area in the last number of years. The floodlighting programme has enhanced the historic buildings of Lusk and we look forward to the re-opening of the Willie Monks Museum. The shops' exteriors are attractive in appearance, in particular Murrays, Vaughans and The Village Store. The Square was presented to an excellent standard on adjudication day and was litter free. The church grounds are well maintained. Encourage the further replacement of plastic signs with the more traditional type to complete the village streetscape. We look forward to the redevelopment of the former site of Hand's Shop for next year's adjudication.

LANDSCAPING

The many floral displays add a welcome splash of colour in the village and are maintained to the highest standard. You are to be commended on the completion of the new stone walls along the Dublin Road and at Station Road, which are in keeping with the tradition of the village. The landscaping at the Library is most attractive. We encourage the continued efforts in your tree-planting programme throughout the village. Consideration could also be given to planting flowering shrubs for year round effect in some locations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

While Lusk is not a waterfront village, its unique heritage and numerous historic buildings can be considered its natural amenity. These have been greatly restored and enhanced in the last few years under the Village Renewal Programme and are an added attraction to the area for both locals and visitors. Consideration should be given to erecting an information panel highlighting the abundance of flora, fauna and wildlife in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on adjudication day. We note the new litter bins and your efforts in this area are reflected in your gain in marks this year. There was some incidental litter along station road.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of Lusk is one of tidiness and of a cared for village. The neatly cut grass and new pavements add to this

impression. In general, weed control is good; however removal of weeds at the base of walls, trees and kerbsides would create a neater appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Overall, the residential areas are maintained to a good standard. Residents should be further encouraged to extend their efforts to include the footpaths, verges and kerbsides in order to achieve an overall impression of neatness. Once again, there was some incidental litter in some residential areas. As there are so many new residential housing developments, you might consider introducing a residential area competition as an incentive to set high standards.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are well maintained with the approach from the Dublin Road being most welcoming to the village. The repositioning of cables underground, combined with the floodlighting of the heritage buildings has greatly improved the streetscape and is quite an achievement for a small village. Attention should be given to back areas and lanes for weed control and general tidiness. The tree planting at Murray's car park will hopefully, in time, work well at screening this area. As there is a lot of through traffic and, therefore, some traffic calming measures should be considered for the future given the increase in the number of residents in this area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Lusk presented itself as clean and tidy and we commend you on your work achieved over the past year. Your ability to be creative and to get work done has been noted. We look forward to the completion of further projects for next year and to maintaining standards achieved this year. Keep up the good work.