

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	20	21
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>158</b>

## **Lawrencetown, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Lawrencetown is enjoying the benefits of its 5 year development plan. It is an attractively presented village where presentation is improving as reconstruction works move to their final stages. It has a nice bright appearance and the attention to flower beds and village entrance signs add to the impression of community care.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In general terms village buildings are well presented. The church and its surrounds were neat and the school in particular looked well with its well displayed flower boxes and attention to litter containers. The area around the community centre was clean, but there were weeds growing from the community centre gutters. The new and unusually shaped building at the corner of the green has potential to become a central feature as it establishes into the community life of the village. There is still some work to be done with instances of dilapidated street front buildings, and the use of plastic shop front signs should be discouraged. The large Georgian house at the southern end of the village is very well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Trimmed verges within the village, the access route village identity signs, and planted beds give an air of care and tidiness. The village green was somewhat understated but offers potential to impact as central to village presentation. Young trees and incidental planting are commended. The shrubbery at the corner of the community centre plays a classic role in providing an attractive feature and at the same time screening a brick wall.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Wildlife and natural amenities are presented in an informal setting in areas surrounding the village. There is no identified access routes but visually there are extremely pleasing views of natural and mature hedgerows and woodlands.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally, the village was virtually litter free, but the litter box outside the church was filled almost to overflowing.

### **TIDINESS**

As indicated earlier, the village displays a high level of tidiness. The entrance to the village from the Ballinasloe side is somewhat marred by the car breakdown yard/garage near the school.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The older residential houses in the village are attractively presented. The terrace of houses just outside the village at its southern end are well presented with features which include mature hedgerows, trimmed grass area and modern public lamp standards.

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

The approach road from Ballinasloe is undergoing widening work and not in condition for inspection. The use of concrete pillars and wire fencing will require screening to restore the natural look of the environment. Stone walls are an attractive feature.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Lawrencetown displays a high level of interest in its village supported no doubt by an excellent community spirit.