

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	33	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>234</b>

## **Lismore, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you very much indeed for the information submitted with your entry form, all of which was very useful and appreciated on adjudication day. Last year's adjudicator gave you an in-depth report. The following should be read in the context of that report and by way of comment on progress made during the year. It is good to see that you have 25 members and 6 officers. You are successful at fund-raising which is no easy task. As remarked in last year's report, it is a wonderful Committee. Excellent work is being done on behalf of the community and should be appreciated by all concerned. It was noted from your entry form that you have new members participating in the clean-ups and the maintenance of the flowerbeds. Well done to all concerned in Lismore for your approach.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In the plan you have outlined in great detail the tasks, responsibilities and the year in which it is to be done. It certainly is an outstanding example of how a plan should be presented and laid out. It was also noted that you intend to redouble your efforts over the next few years to maximise your marks. Well done. As last year all the public buildings continue to be maintained in very good condition. It was great to see that work has started on the ESB sub-Station and when the screening and climbers are planted it certainly will look very well. The railings of the School are rusty and do need attention. Both Banks in the town are presented to a very high standard as is the Heritage Centre. The Grotto continues to look magnificent and the seating was freshly painted. The railings were painted in a lovely silver colour. I note that the old CBS buildings at the back of the CBS House are to be knocked. I note that you have met with the GAA officials regarding the landscaping of the grounds in the Community Centre. This is a major task but it will be a challenge to you. It will be interesting to see what the water feature at the monument will look like and one does look forward to seeing this being completed some time in the future. Again the commercial premises in the town continue to improve and congratulations to all concerned. Hopefully, those who have not yet come onboard will do so in the near future. A wonderful all round effort by those concerned.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping of open spaces continues to be well maintained throughout and this is all the more commendable since you have a considerable amount to

work on. Flowerbeds at the Church of Ireland and tubs of flowers were very well maintained and there was a delightful use of colour here. The green area in the North Mall continues to be kept in a neat and tidy condition. Geraniums surrounding the award plaque were stunning looking. The flowerbed at Hospital Lane looked most attractive and again has a lovely selection of plants and shrubs. The Pump area continues to look very well. Trees planted in the open green spaces throughout the town are maturing and are cared for very well. The maintenance of the planting done on the Tallow road some years ago is again, very good. It was good to see that the amalgamated Primary School took your advice on landscaping and also on the wildlife aspect. It might be helpful to you to have a look at the Tidy Towns Handbook, which was sent to you this year. It has an interesting section on landscaping (see page 55).

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I note from the progress report that, with any clearing and planting work being carried out, everything possible was done to conserve the natural environment and wildlife and this is to be commended. The ducks continue to flourish on the Canal by the Cappoquin road. You will continue to work on the report received from the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland. If the proposed development of the Millennium Park goes ahead you will incorporate and preserve any wildlife that there is. You might find some useful information in the Tidy Towns Handbook under the section on wildlife and natural amenities (see page 65). This could be used side by side with your other report. Also, no doubt, you will incorporate and preserve wildlife areas along this walk. One could see huge scope and opportunity for enhancing or creating nature areas there.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Your management of litter is working well throughout. You have got the assistance and the co-operation of the schools which is great to see, and have harnessed their energy and interest in many ways. Perhaps other youth organisations might give you a hand as well. They include Macra and junior sports clubs. Some litter was observed in the Canal, on the green area in the Parks Road housing estate, some at the entrance to North Mall and the ditch side of the Bank Field housing entrance. Perhaps the provision of more litter bins in the right places could be considered. Frequent emptying is also necessary. Well done to you for promoting the An Taisce clean-up during April. Also congratulations to the local Foroige Club and your own members for doing the daily, evening and weekend litter patrol. Also well done to the students on the CESP Course and the Transition Year girls in the Secondary School. You have a large area to control and it needs the support of the entire community.

## **TIDINESS**

The control of weed growth at the kerbs and base of the buildings throughout continues to be very good. The maintenance of the street furniture is commendable. The measure being taken for the cleaning of chewing gum from the pavements and streets is a worthwhile one.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

This year almost all the residential properties throughout the town are presented to an excellent standard. It is good to see that there is a change of ownership taking place with regard to properties which were a major problem for you, and which are now undergoing renovation. This certainly will improve and upgrade those areas for you. The Chapel Place houses were excellent in almost all cases, with some lovely flowers, hanging baskets, boxes, tubs and pots etc. Again, the Parks Road properties are extremely well maintained for the most part. When the building of the Ashley Court new houses is completed it is hoped that the landscaping will be of a high standard. The bungalows of the Bank Field area were painted in some delightful colours and almost all were well kept. Those who have work to do will hopefully do so over the next few years. Some boundary walls/fencing do need attention. The problems which you had with dereliction thankfully are at an end and one does look forward to seeing the new improvements.

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

The car park at the hotel was a delight and is an example of how car parks can and could be presented. There was no litter here and the shrubs which were put in are doing very nicely. The new footpaths which were put in help with the overall presentation under this category. The approach road from Tallow had some lovely roses under the sign, and were maintained in excellent condition. All the approach roads were maintained in good condition and that includes most of the signs and signposting. Again, the standard of signage continues to be maintained and you have taken onboard the use of bilingual signage. No doubt more of that will happen over the years. It is good to see that you also have put in place a hand rail at the entrance to the Church and that you are presently drawing up plans for wheelchair access. Well done to all concerned.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You continued to put in a tremendous effort over the past 12 months. Congratulations to everybody. The town is continuing to look well and you are making great efforts to overcome the problems you have. Your work has contributed considerably to the presentation of the town. It

is hoped that this is appreciated by the community at large. Lismore is a pleasure to visit and it can be seen by just looking around, the pride most of the inhabitants of the town have in their environment. The efforts of your Committee are being reflected in the progress which Lismore has made in the Competition over the last couple of years. No doubt, you will continue to do well in the Competition. What you have achieved to-date is outstanding and hopefully success of some kind will come your way in the future. Trusting that the fun and enjoyment which you have got from participating and in making your town a better place to live in, will return to all of the people on the Committee.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/99)**

The tremendous efforts that have been made in Lismore over the past few years are enabling this town become among the strongest contenders in the competition. The atmosphere of progress and improvement in so many aspects is very evident. The castle, river, cathedral and array of interesting buildings make Lismore a truly pleasant place to visit. The presentation of the houses on Chapel street is a delight. The North mall is particularly attractive. The large wall mounted baskets along West street were splendid. The enthusiasm with which Lismore has been developed to its present state will continue and even more success will be achieved.