

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LADYSBRIDGE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	11
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	17	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	187

Ladysbridge, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

In the five year plan which your Tidy Towns Committee has drawn up, you have set out a comprehensive list of items to be attended to over that period. These objectives can be achieved over the period but it might be useful if the committee decides to agree a priority list and work towards that. In any case, progress is being made and considerably more can be achieved by continuing your efforts in a planned manner.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings throughout the village were very nicely presented. These include business, licensed premises etc. Also buildings such as the Parish Hall, the old school house etc. were all very well maintained. As in the past, the church was beautifully presented. The overall manner in which the buildings generally in the village are presented gives a cheerful and friendly image of a very pleasant village.

LANDSCAPING

For a relatively small village, a considerable amount of planting work has been carried out. The planting at the cemetery looks well and will have a very enhancing effect on this area of the village later. Throughout the village, great use is made of window boxes, flower tubs, hanging baskets etc. and this gives a very colourful overall effect.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river area could be a good start for a wildlife project. There is probably some wetland area along the river, which may be suitable as a wildlife habitat. As it stands, the river itself is maintained very clean and probably attracts some species of wildlife already. Perhaps this may be looked at further for the future. Referring to your five year plan, it is suggested that before you begin work on dead trees etc. in the area referred to as "The Jungle," it may be advisable to obtain specialist's advice on implications for wildlife etc.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation generally throughout the village was quite satisfactory. In the vicinity of shops, Post Office etc. the streets were free of litter. This is encouraging and probably in part due to your plan in involving the Youth Club in your Tidy Towns Anti Litter campaign as outlined in your five year plan. This has obviously in turn led to a greater awareness of litter generally within the community. This

excellent effort should be continued for the future.

TIDINESS

The community is managing to maintain a good degree of tidiness throughout the village again this year. In the vicinity of the Parish Hall, business premises etc. a good level of tidiness prevailed. The large car park near the cemetery and the entrance to the cemetery were also quite tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again this year, the houses and gardens at Michael O' Brien Terrace were also nicely presented. Also other residential areas such as those on the Castlemartyr road were also tastefully presented. New housing development projects are now taking place in the vicinity of the village and these will no doubt enhance the residential areas around the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach roads to the village were very well maintained. These included the approach roads from Youghal and Midleton. Other approach roads were also quite tidy. However, the problem of damaged and rusted traffic signs is again in evidence this year; rusted poles, signs etc. look unsightly and the Local Authority should be notified accordingly.

The plaque on the stone wall opposite the Parish Hall, in which the work of the Ladysbridge Tidy Towns Committee and FAS is acknowledged is a good idea. The rebuilt bridge walls look very well and enhance this area of the village very considerably. The republican monument in the village centre continues to be excellently maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a very pleasant village and the work of the Tidy Towns Committee is undoubtedly contributing to its overall favourable image. The Committee and the whole community should continue with their efforts and so enhance further this attractive village.