

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISAVAIRD**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	11	9
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	181	179

Lisavaird, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

There is considerable evidence of work and progress in Lisavaird. The development of the shrubberies and walls is a significant feature and lends character to the village. As was mentioned last year – an overall plan outlining the work to be done with a timescale will assist in the future co-ordinated development of the village. Being cut in two by the fast moving traffic though the centre creates some problems.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is very well painted and gives a very nice impression. The Pike is very prominent in the town and looks well cared for with its unusual choice of colour scheme. Hurley's shop is well treated but the assembly of sheds up by the side of these premises requires attention. Admittedly they are very expansive and represent a work area but the appearance of these is unhelpful. In a development plan every building could be listed one by one and comments made about their condition – satisfactory, needing some attention- urgently in need of renovation. This would focus on what can and cannot be tackled. Stone walls play a very important part of the village. The new wall with the interesting vertical arrangement of the stones is attractive. The school wall and railings is in need of painting at this stage and the house opposite with free standing wall piers needs finishing. The wall surrounding the field towards the corner coming down to the Pike is a lovely wall – inside this wall along the boundary would be a lovely location for tree planting.

LANDSCAPING

Considerable work in this category has been achieved. The shrub border plantings at various places are proving very successful. The border along the road opposite Hurleys and the small spot on the way towards the church by the small yellow service box looks well. The area of roadside towards Sams Cross has been planted with Griselinia hedges. These are growing well but would benefit from attention to weeding until they get well ahead. The small grassed area with picnic table is attractive but the site it is facing would need some tidying up and the removal of the old tractor. The newly railed triangular area is well presented and the tree and pole climber will be attractive. Perhaps another tree or two could be accommodated here. There are lots of opportunities for tree planting along the boundaries of fields especially at corner sites

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With the very rich background of trees and hedgerows more

ways of appreciating these and access to them with information is an area that could be focused upon. Help from local knowledge and the school would be important so that the greatest avail can be obtained from such studies.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter control seems very satisfactory with a very clean village being presented on adjudication day. Constant vigilance is needed because of the constant passing traffic.

TIDINESS

There is a good degree of tidiness evident . Certain areas such as behind Hurleys where sheds are unattractive and also areas where some storage of materials is on view could be improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses make up the residential houses of Lisavaird. These are generally well presented with a few exceptions. Each person looking after his own property can contribute greatly to the overall appearance of a village this size and those that take good care deserve credit for this.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The natural road boundaries on the approach roads are attractive and it is important to respect these in any well-intentioned development of roadside verges. The griselinia hedge planting at roadside will requires a lot of attention as it develops to a hedge. For future plantings of hedges along roadsides it would be wise to consider Hawthorn as a choice. The speed of traffic makes it difficult to cross the road at the crossroads and any efforts to address this situation would be welcome in terms of safety.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a well cared for appearance to Lisavaird . Some improvements to wall painting and the unsightly sheds will help to show off the better aspects of shrub plantings and stone walls of the area.