

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LECARROW**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	23	21
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	15	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>169</b>

## **Lecarrow, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form and welcome to the 2000 Tidy Towns Competition. It is good to see that the ESB has provided extra lights which should make the village safer and as you say easier to pick litter. It is unfortunate that you have been unsuccessful so far in having the telephone wires ducted. However, the immediate impact of Lecarrow is still positive. Because of the fast moving traffic on the busy main road it is advisable to continue to pursue to have some traffic calming measure introduced at both ends of the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The green area fronting on to the main road continues to look very good, as are the buildings there. The shop and pub fronts are well maintained and the flower containers add some further colour. The rear of Kelly's needs attention by way of painting, removing the broken Heineken sign and substituting an alternative for the plastic name sign. The problem of the derelict mill on the Harbour Road still remains. It is really the broken down corrugated iron at the front that is an eyesore. Perhaps some better form of screening could be introduced. When the GAA paint their entrance gates and the verges on the approach road are cut back this area should look very well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The trees and shrubs which were planted in recent years are being maintained and look well. Some weed clearing needs to be done in the area of the handball alley. The car park in front of St John's Community building has been divided by shrub planting and when these mature further in a few years the concrete/tarmac look will be softened and greened. The school landscaping continues to look very attractive and it is obvious a lot of effort is being invested in it. The artwork on the wheely bin and oil tank are in keeping with their surroundings. The bird table of natural wood is also a nice touch.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Continuing with the school grounds – perhaps a small wildlife area with wild meadow flowers could be provided here for the different wildlife in the area. The wildlife area bordering the car park is much in evidence and while some would comment on the mounds of nettles, these are a haven for wildlife. The harbour area looks well except for the navigation map which appears to be scratched. This area was litter free.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Continues to be very good and the only evidence of any litter appeared to be some material which fell off a passing lorry on the approach road from Athlone. Well done and keep up the good work.

## **TIDINESS**

In general tidiness is good except for the derelict buildings which continue to take from the village. The verges in the car park at the entrance to the marina need attention and weed control.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses are making and maintaining a good effort despite some derelict sites still in the area. However it is heartening to see that one of the houses, which was in disrepair is now being reconstructed and hopefully this will be encouragement for others.

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

The approach roads at both ends of the village are well maintained. The Harbour Road area as mentioned in The Built Environment needs attention. There is a derelict house opposite the community centre and hopefully in the next year this will be restored.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Keep up the good work. A lot has been done in the last year and overall the village looks well.