

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LISCARROLL**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	204	195

Liscarroll, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would urge Liscarroll Community Council to draft a rolling 3-5 year plan. This would clearly set out on a phased basis your objectives and progress for each year. The map and supplementary information on it were very useful this year and show many initiatives that are now being taken. This information should be taken one step forward by putting it in a development plan. This category of the competition carries a substantial amount of marks. Keep up you liaison with FÁS and the Local Authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There have been improvements since last year in this category. The actions in relation to derelict sites are applauded. Prudent development of the sites on the Mallow and Dromcolliher approaches is vital as these are very strategic locations in the Village. Keep up the momentum with the Local Authority. The Local Government Derelict Sites Act 1990 is quite powerful; your committee should consult the Local Authority in relation to its implementation. The Garda Station looks much improved, the Roman Catholic Church and Community Centre has benefited from floral decoration. The School and grounds also look well. The area around the Paddy O'Brien Handball Alley and the main entrance to the Castle requires improvement. The handball alley building needs painting. Weed growth on the Castle does take from its impressive appearance. The Commercial building in the Village would benefit from floral decoration.

LANDSCAPING

There has been a lot of work in this category, particularly at the Village Green. The area for planting of meadow native flowers is an excellent idea and should be very impressive when it comes to fruition. This along with the planting of native trees in the Village Green is highly commended. The pump at the well should help to provide year round water. The pockets of landscaping around the Village do a lot to brighten the Village. The Slàn Stone and flowerbeds maintained by residents on the approach roads is also highly commended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Liscarroll is very fortunate to be in beautiful location. The Village should capitalise on its location in respect of the Wildlife and Natural Amenities. The Village Green may be a good place to further this category as you have made a great start with wild flowers and native trees. Perhaps one of the senior classes in the local Primary School could take this on as a project. The Action Sheet 6 'Wildlife and

Natural Amenities' section of the Tidy Towns Handbook would be an excellent guide to begin with.

LITTER CONTROL

This category has improved vastly since last year. There was only trace litter in evidence. The provision of additional litterbins with bilingual wording is applauded. Monitor the bin locations to insure that all the areas that require a bin have one. An important aspect to this category is the measures taken to promote an anti-litter awareness in the Community. The local school children could again possibly get involved by doing project work on this subject.

TIDINESS

Good strides have been made in this area but there are still areas needing improvement. The area in most need is that between the Handball Club and the Castle. This is an area much frequented by visitors to the Village given its proximity to the Village Green. Remedial action would need to be taken here. Weed growth on pavements seems to be under control. Sand and gravel deposits should be removed from the area in front of the Village Green and near the Village sign on the Mallow approach. The disused petrol pumps on the Dromcolliher approach should also be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of private housing is very high again with a large number of residential occupancy in the Village itself. There are also some new houses being built which is a very good outlook for the Village. Those that used floral decorations on their properties are to be complimented and others should be encouraged to follow suit.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are generally well maintained. Some of the traffic speed limit signs particularly on the Dromcolliher approach would need to be cleaned. The new stonewalls on the Mallow approach and at the other areas of the Village are now very strong features of the village. The use of old traffic poles as stands for hanging baskets is very imaginative. The bilingual Village name signs are good with the exception of the one on the Dromcolliher approach, which is damaged and needs to be replaced. The maintenance of floral /shrubs by residents on two of the Mallow and Kilbrin approaches is an excellent idea and looks very well. The Fáilte sign on the Mallow approach is distinctive. The map boards in the Village are a great resource to orientate visitors to the Village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Liscarroll has a very historic past; the area has made great strides. Projects like the Village Green give a very positive impression to visitors, as it is a very tranquil setting. Keep up the good work.

