

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LAWRENCETOWN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	22	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	169	162

Lawrencetown, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and sketch of the village for the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Obviously some progress has been made over the last twelve months for which the committee can take credit.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

New houses are being developed on the Steveron Road. Because they are not complete they do not yet contribute to the appearance of that side of town. The Western Health Board Clinic on the Portumna Road could be more cheerful but the stone sign for Lawrencetown is clearly visible and border grass has been treated. Further on in the village we encounter the usual derelict houses which are the bane of all Tidy Town committees. Apart from at least two private houses there is Curleys Supermarket which has not seen a coat of paint for many a day, if possible, you should encourage the owners to paint. What a pity.

The stone building which is at a junction just out of town, Ochilmore store has been nicely restored.

LANDSCAPING

The Ballinasloe Road has a good display of roses and flowerbeds stretching for quite a distance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new access to the stream and Lisheen cemetery may qualify as an addition to the amenities.

The mature woods around suggest the possibility of a walking route.

LITTER CONTROL

Small amounts of litter were visible around a seat on the Ballinasloe road and at the Phone box.

TIDINESS

The present phone box is an anachronism when compared to the modern telephone inside. The time has come for a replacement box or kiosk. Where gates are made of galvanised iron there is bound to be a better alternative.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Ballinasloe sign is partly obscured by a shrub. Where signs are low to the ground there is the danger that they will be obscured as in the case of another welcome sign. A number of houses on approach roads lent a colourful appearance with a lovely floral display.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

These are mostly fine with the exception of the side of town where new building is in progress.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Both residents and the passing visitor will enjoy the ambience of a planned town like Lawrencetown when its streetscape is uniformly bright and clear. Your committee is working through a worthwhile programme of improvements.