

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LUCAN**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	226	222

Lucan, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Lucan is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry form and map, both of which were very useful during the course of adjudication. Do you have a plan for the future development of the village and environmental works? If so, please send in a copy with next year's application. Congratulations on the support you get from commercial interests, particularly Woodies and Intel. Well done also on your liaison with the Parks Department of South Dublin County Council and the organising of a FAS scheme. We look forward to the fruits of your work with the Lucan Disability Action group. Lucan has many heritage features of which it is rightly proud. The view of the golf course on the Clane entrance to the town is special. The remains of an old style field gate with a round pillar / gate post on this road should be refurbished and featured.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on the refurbishment of walls. These make a significant contribution to the built environment. There are very many well presented buildings in Lucan, these include O'Neills & Sons, Kennys, the Bank of Ireland, Courtney's Lounge and Bar and others. The Billy Conway premises at the Dublin entrance to the town needs to be upgraded and the Maxol garage at the Clane entrance could be landscaped. The Carroll's Victualers premises appear to be vacant. Hopefully this will be re-occupied soon and its appearance improved upon. Public buildings are well presented, particularly St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

LANDSCAPING

Congratulations on new planters and extensive planting by Intel together with the planting of twenty new trees. Lucan Park is excellent in its design and presentation and the pergolas, shrubberies and the sign at the stream were very much admired. Permanent landscaping in the Superquinn centre looks especially well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The duck population is a charming feature of Lucan village and was very much enjoyed by the adjudicator and the public in general. Vesey Park looked wonderful in its natural state with a fine selection of long grasses, the river and woods. The "sea" of buttercups and cow parsley were a pleasure to behold. Finnstown Park looked well also.

LITTER CONTROL

A small amount of litter was noted in the village centre near shops, particularly the Take-Away, some was also noted in the park. Well done to those with an input into litter control,

particularly the FAS workers. With a population of thirty five thousand people, your difficulties are appreciated in this respect. Do submit details of your litter management strategy next year. This could earn additional marks.

TIDINESS

Your letters to business and residents encouraging and looking for support re litter control and tidiness is an excellent initiative. Other aspects of untidiness include weedy kerbs (which were noted in the centre at the small stream). Vacant properties can also look untidy. However those in the village centre were being quite well maintained. We look forward to their redevelopment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Stands of trees and well maintained grass margins are a nice feature of both the Esker Lane development and the Ballydowd development. Gandon Mews in the village centre was beautifully presented also. Infill developments in Lucan are settling nicely into their setting and complement older buildings in Lucan village centre. Quite an amount of litter was noted in the Hillcrest development. The high stone wall to a property at the Clane end of the town was admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Congratulations on namestones, all of these look well. Some road signs on the entrance from the motor way appeared a little scruffy and suffered damage. Stretches of stone wall remain to be refurbished. The Lucan and N4 sign located on the entrance from the Clane road was obscured by vegetation, this should be cut back as a safety measure. Graffiti was noted on an information panel in the village centre which should be removed. More could be achieved for the presentation of roundabouts and traffic islands on the outskirts. Hopefully the overhead service cables in the village centre will be ducted over the next few years.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Lucan is a charming village which has retained much of its heritage, although it has a population as large as many towns throughout the country. Well done! Do remember to send in your work programme with next year's application. Thank you for your continued participation. We look forward to many repeat visits!