

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEIXLIP**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	22	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	206	201

LEIXLIP, CO KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2002 and thank you for your application. Leixlip is a pleasant and interesting town and was a joy to visit. You appear to have an active and interested committee. Congratulations on involving the Scouts and other groups. You are aware of many issues pertaining to the town and have taken advice from Conservation Volunteers Ireland. Well done on this. If you have a plan could you submit it with next year's application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment is well cared for in Leixlip. Many buildings and areas along the Main Street were admired for their presentation. The sculpture and water feature is beautifully presented. St. Mary's Church and Guinness's Castle are lovely features and presented to a very high standard. The Fire Station and its surrounds were well maintained. The Springfield Hotel and the Leixlip House Hotel were admired.

LANDSCAPING

Your array of hanging baskets and window boxes were stunning and much admired. Along the river was a pleasure to visit. Intel are to be complimented on the display of mature trees and shrubs outside their premises on Station Road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The butterfly garden and liffey area are a great asset. What a fun way for the children to learn about their environment. Well done. However on the day of adjudication the area along the Rye was in need of attention regarding both litter and weeds. Try to identify if there are any threats to wildlife in the area. No doubt your friends at Conservation Volunteers Ireland may be able to advise you. The interpretative board at the River Rye is excellent. Creighton Park was admired as a well cared for amenity.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good on the day of adjudication with the exception of the River Rye Walk, where despite the presence of bins, litter was a serious problem. It is very important that when such an amenity is developed it must be maintained.

TIDINESS

The bridge wall on Captains Hill along by the station was in serious need of weeding. Also along footpaths and kerbs in the town needed attention regarding weeding. The E.S.B. building at Leixlip Road as mentioned before needs work.

The railings on the Liffey Bridge need to be cleaned. Attention to detail will help improve your marks under this heading.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residences from the top of Mill Lane to Castle Park were much admired. A very good presentation was put forward under this heading – well done to all.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads, streets and back areas are generally well presented. Approach roads look well and the rise and fall of streets in the town give it a pleasant ambiance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Leixlip is very favourable. Your floral displays in baskets, boxes etc are impressive and add immensely to the overall impression. Well done on this year's presentation.