

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LISACUL**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	17
The Built Environment	40	17	16
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>144</b>

## **Lisacul, Co. Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is essential to develop a three to five year plan to give the community a sense of purpose and achievement. Otherwise, people's enthusiasm wanes and improvements are difficult to ascertain. Please refer to the *Tidy Towns Handbook* as a guide to developing your plan. The plan must take precedence over all other projects this year. Please submit information displayed on Church notice board with future application.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Lisacul has developed a unique quality emanating from the church at its core. The Grotto and Bog Oak Sculpture are particularly appealing. The Resource Centre is an attractive hive of activity adorned by floral splendor. The school needs to be painted as do Creaton's pub and adjacent Health Centre. The freshly painted Ball Alley though is a fine structure and excellent amenity.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping along the main approach roads from Ballyhaunis and Ballaghaderreen is impeccable. The road widening and stone walls create a sense of space. The side roads on either side of the crossroads are not of the same standard. The introduction of ornamental trees along these routes is recommended.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Again, the importance of developing a wildlife plan cannot be overstated. With some investigation and a little advice, many towns and villages have discovered just how rewarding a Community Environmental Programme can be. Lisacul is particularly rich in wildlife- sustaining wetland and woodland habitats. Their potential as a valuable amenity appears to be untapped. You may wish to involve the school in creating a Nature Trail.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is reasonably good.

### **TIDINESS**

There appears to be disparity in terms of attention given to certain areas. The area around the church is immaculately maintained. By contrast, as one heads further towards the Post Office, standards drop dramatically. Grass verges are overgrown and little effort being made to screen off debris at gable end of Community Centre and pub. The entrance to a side road off the main Ballaghaderreen route where a number of new dwellings are located needs a total

overhaul. A rotting wooden fence is unsightly.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Houses, both old and new, are generally very well looked after. In particular, the house opposite the Resource Centre contributes much to the charm of this village. The modern houses on the Ballaghaderreen road respect the village tradition in scale and profile. Please insist that the builder remove disused blocks and rubble.

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

Surfaces are mostly good on all mayor routes. Verges are generally good except where noted under other headings above. The surface of the church carpark needs attention.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Despite the fact that Lisacul is spread out, it still manages to maintain its unique village charm. More emphasis must be placed on developing the routes to left and right of the crossroads. Sign-posting is lacking on the approach road from Ballyhaunis. Directions to the Children's graveyard deserve greater definition. Improvements to date are most encouraging and we look forward with interest to further innovative projects.