

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lismire**

Ref: **631**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **175**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	22
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175	168

Overall Developmental Approach:

The map and the notes accompanying the application form were very helpful. Lismire is a very small village and the membership of 15 out of population 70 is a very significant figure for the committee. This reflects the interest and spirit in the village. The crossroads defines the village. Future planning is always important and it is wise to put a plan in place so that the work of the coming years can be charted and progress assessed each year.

The Built Environment:

The school looks very well with the deep red colour paint. Unfortunately, there is no soil surface throughout the yard and it would be nice to break through the hard surface and plant a few trees. A mural, maybe in the shelter at the back, would add some extra interest. The work of the school children in the art competition for the banner is interesting; perhaps the winning banner should form the subject of the mural. The church has a very good appearance and the surrounds also look well. Stonewalls of the area are very important as they show a lovely local characteristic. The new wall by the corner at the crossroads where the old school was situated looks well and hopefully progress will be made at this site soon. The proposed medieval monastic site development is an interesting proposition. The wall to the front of the GAA grounds looks extremely well. The surface outside has not been completely finished yet. This is a very fine project. The community hall building is also impressive.

Landscaping:

The area by the church is nicely planted. The lawns are well cared for. The new escallonia hedge at the back of the mown areas is getting a little overcrowded with the high grass. The planting in the raised borders at the front of the church is effective. The churns opposite the shop add a nice touch to the roadside at this point and reflect the nature of farming in the area. Gardens of roadside houses contribute very much to the landscape of the village with many fine gardens displaying lovely plantings spilling onto the roadsides. The natural trees of the area add to the village surrounds.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The area designated as Duck Pond was not easily located. Some signs or more precise details would help in this regard. In the area where the pond is indicated, the natural vegetation is very rich and it would be interesting if a pathway could be developed. This could be the basis of forming an interesting project. Local knowledge about what, where and when to see various wild life features could be gathered and passed onto future generations.

Litter Control:

There is very good litter control in the village. A small amount of litter was spotted but overall the village was very clean in this regard.

Tidiness:

The on-going difficulty of derelict buildings presents a challenge to be faced. Your efforts in tracing the owners and your deliberations with the local authorities are positive actions. With persistence and determination a remedy will be found for the offending properties. In the meantime, any form of concealing, camouflaging or diverting attention away from them would help

Residential Areas:

The small number of residences of the village are well kept and contribute greatly to the entire village appearance. Houses at St. Josephs Terrace are well maintained and the houses on the approach to these are also looking well. There are a number of very fine homes and gardens on the road to the GAA grounds, although some of these need attention to detail where the frontage meets the road. The houses adjacent to the cross roads look very well in this very prominent position

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are attractive and are rich in natural vegetation. These should be maintained in a way to keep this natural vegetation and care taken not to cut them severely. The road surfaces are in good condition generally, but avoid allowing the signs to be covered by growing vegetation. The hedges of fuchsia look extremely well and add lovely colour to the sides of the roads. Footpath construction has been taking place and needs to be completed. The path from the corner to the GAA is a very useful addition. The seats placed in the village look extremely well and it is good that local materials have been used in their construction

General Impression:

Lismire is a remarkable little village and its community shows great pride in it and its surrounds.

