

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Leixlip**

Ref: **30**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **206**

Category: **F**

Date: **11/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	20	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	206	206

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a sketch map of the village and a summary of your achievements from 2003 to 2006. Your submission should, however, have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year.

The Leixlip Tidy Towns Association continues to operate at a strong pace, has been working in co-operation with other local agencies and with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Leixlip is essentially an 18th century estate type village arranged along a long central axis. The fabric

offers a wonderful example of 18th and 19th century street architecture with many outstanding domestic and public buildings - splendidly presented.

Landscaping:

The village streetscape is a delight with planting, shrubs, flowers and hanging baskets. The new tree planting has been worthwhile and complements the existing village landscape. The river walk is potentially the outstanding landscape feature of the village. Much has been done in the past to secure access, but it needs urgently to be tidied up. It would be wonderful if the walkway could be extended further along the riverbank.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river is an important feature of the village. A clean up project here would be well worthwhile.

Litter Control:

Litter control in the village was very weak and considerable areas of litter were noted around the village, along the river walk and along the approach roads. The Committee urgently need to grapple with this and initiate more regular clean-ups.

Tidiness:

The fabric of the village is wonderful and looked neat and tidy. The seating is poorly maintained and the water fountain was dry and dirty. The bridge path is one of the most important entrances to the village. Unfortunately, the railings and the surface is in poor condition. Additionally, the overhanging trees make negotiation difficult.

Residential Areas:

Leixlip has recently experienced considerable growth and expansion. This has resulted in a considerable number of housing developments around the village. The great bulk of these areas are well presented with well cared for houses, attractive gardens, as well as good entrance signs, attractive open spaces and attractive planting and trees.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village are very attractive, with nice verges, hedges, walling, and trees. The secondary roads such as Captains Hill are also attractive and successfully read as extensions of the Main Street.

General Impression:

Leixlip is a very attractive village and always a pleasure to visit. The Tidy Towns Association and the

local community have done great work over the years in achieving and retaining high standards.