

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lecarrow**

Ref: **136**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **191**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>181</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Lecarrow is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. The village is well located on the national primary route and on the shores of Loch Ree. Thank you for your development plan and your sketch map, both were very helpful in adjudication. You are taking a good overall approach to the development of the village and your initiative to connect the village to Loch Ree and Shannon Navigation via the canal is admirable. We wish you well in this respect. Its good to note that you're taking a partnership approach and liaising with other bodies such as Water Ways Ireland and the local heritage group. We look forward to the development of your heritage sites noted in your application e.g The Old Dolmen, The Holy Well and seeing walks developed to these sites.

### The Built Environment:

St. Johns Community Hall was excellent in its presentation and tree planting here was noted. At some stage in the future the car park area should be resurfaced. The shops and the public house on the main road are very well presented and there are no serious problems here. Well done on the soccer pitch and the new club house and congratulations also on work achieved to the mill.

### Landscaping:

Landscaping around the village is faultless. Grass verges are maintained neatly trimmed. Older

mature trees are magnificent and younger trees are maturing well. More recent tree planting has been noted. Flower displays both on the main road and at the harbour are colourful and the boat flower display in the car park at the harbour was in place by the time of our adjudication. This is a nice touch. All future landscaping should be chosen with the wildlife of the area in mind.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The harbour area and canal is excellent in presentation as is the small car park here. Well done on the involvement of the local school in wildlife and landscaping projects. This will pay dividends in future years. It's good to note the rubbish collection point and potable water for boats at the harbour and we look forward to you achieving your objectives regarding shower facilities and public toilets to serve boats also. We wish you well in your endeavour to identify the source of the weed problem in the canal so that boats may pass through unhindered.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent in the village, none was spotted. Your initiative in this respect asking residents to keep a fifty metre litter free zone around their properties has certainly born fruit. Congratulations on this, it's a grand achievement. Litter bins seem to be adequate and all are nicely painted.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was quite tidy. There were no serious problems under this heading and again your publication in the parish bulletin regarding illegal dumping appears to have been successful. The involvement of the local school and on going rubbish collection is successful also. No doubt the derelict buildings across from St. Johns Community Centre will be redeveloped shortly.

### **Residential Areas:**

Residential properties are well presented. The new house has settled well into its environs, the garden however has yet to be developed. Single story dwellings are nicely presented and are charming.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The most serious problem under this heading appears to be badly surfaced curtilage areas, car parks and hard shoulders. A major resurfacing programme will need to be undertaken over the coming years. Stone walls throughout the village and its environs have been refurbished and continue to be well maintained.

### **General Impression:**

The overall impression of Lecarrow is that of a charming village with strong amenity features and huge potential for further amenity development.