

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lisavaird**

Ref: **650**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **190**

Category: **A**

Date: **29/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>186</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

As mentioned by last year's adjudicator it is essential at this stage in the competition that you formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be two to three pages long outlining your plans for the village's future and setting a timeframe against their implementation. This document will prove invaluable to yourselves in order to see your progress as the years go by and also to the adjudicators in order that they may see how you are progressing with your plans. Many thanks for the map which was most clear and very useful on adjudication day.

### The Built Environment:

The Pike Bar on the main N71 Road looked well and its car park area behind was quite neat but perhaps some landscaping or planting could be considered in this location? The church was well presented although some rusty staining was evident to the gutters and down pipes. You could also consider some landscaping in the location of the car park to soften its rather harsh appearance. The school looked well although its boundary wall will need painting before next year's competition as again it was rather stained. The attractive stone walling at the bend of the road leading from the main road up to that of the church and school was greatly admired.

### Landscaping:

This is an aspect of the competition you obviously enjoy. Landscaped areas on the Clonakilty Road were well maintained - even the concrete post and rail fence had been freshly painted and the display of farm machinery was admired. The attractive rockery space at the bend in the road to the school looked quite charming. The well maintained landscaping in the vicinity of the hall is obviously the evidence of the work you mention carrying out at Sam's Cross. This looked extremely well on the day and will benefit from some maturing in years to come.

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

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section of your application form blank! This is an important aspect of the competition which should not be neglected. Do consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for clues to develop this aspect of your submission and presentation. This covers topics such as habitat surveys, developing management plans and creating wildlife areas. You should also get the local school children involved in drawing up wildlife projects relating to habitats in their locality.

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good and your new litter bins were admired and noted!

### **Tidiness:**

Although the areas away from the main road are presented extremely neatly, there are some problems on the main and busy N71 Cork to Skibbereen Road. The problems referred to in last year's report relating to JJ Hurley's still apply and the green building beside the Pike, which appears to be the old Village Hall, was in very poor condition. Messy yard areas should be screened from public view.

### **Residential Areas:**

Most of the houses at the village centre and along approach roads were well maintained with attractive gardens. The attractive house with the landscaped rockery area to the front was admired and there were many attractive houses by and in the vicinity of the hall. Do ensure that new houses complete their landscaping in order to give a more finished look to their appearance from the road

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

The main road on both approaches to the village with its landscaped areas were well maintained with well cut verges and relatively new trees coming along nicely. Much activity was evident in the riding school on the day!

### **General Impression:**

Lisavaird is an attractive centre on the busy N71 Road. It has some distinct problems in relation to tidiness and will need to urgently put together a work programme in order to work out your strategy for progressing and developing the village in future years.