

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lislevane**

Ref: **249**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **228**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	228	225

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was delighted to learn of Lislevane Community Association's high level of support from local statutory bodies and organisations and, most especially, the local community! The high attendance at your monthly meetings shows a distinct level of commitment on the part of those who live in the village. The work of the local stonemason must be extremely useful to all your good efforts. Congratulations on a very good submission, but a more detailed map would have been useful on adjudication day - you appeared to only submit a close - up photograph of the millennium stone, which shows only a diagrammatic map of the village. Your three year plan seems extremely sensible and quite achievable.

The Built Environment:

The Texaco station on the Courtmacserry side of the village looked neat but there is scope for some permanent planting or tree planting to its forecourt area on this approach to the village. Public and commercial premises were well presented on the day - of note being Sextons, Wheltons and the Post Office all of which were quite fresh. Premises looked very colourful and the bay trees outside the Post Office were greatly admired!

Landscaping:

This is an aspect of the competition for which you show an evident enthusiasm. The tractor with its abundant floral display was admired but, as mentioned by last year's second adjudicator, don't rely too heavily on excessive floral displays - more permanent planting and trees will have a year round effect and more impact. The trees that you have planted this year are greatly to your credit! The bronze sculpture of the children was admired and the explanatory titling of them is looked forward to with great anticipation. The water feature incorporating pump and wheel at the crossroads was in operation on a hot summer's adjudication day - it has certainly become the village's major focal feature! The freshly painted metal dish containers filled with begonias were admired and your new signage is looked forward to with great anticipation.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to the planting of the fuchsia hedge at the village green and the provision for logs for hedgehogs etc. in the wildlife area behind is highly commendable. The regular surveys conducted by the school children from Barryroe National School must prove extremely useful. The provision of bird nesting boxes and wild flower garden are, again, greatly to your credit.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good and the experience gained from the Muintir na Tire Litter Roadside Competition and Inter-Village Challenge are evidently paying dividends.

Tidiness:

The village had an extremely neat and ordered appearance on adjudication day. The decision not to let political parties put up election posters is extremely unusual and greatly applauded by this particular adjudicator!

Residential Areas:

The freshly painted houses and boundary walls on the Timoleague approach to the village provided an extremely colourful appearance. Individual houses and gardens were well maintained of particular note being Vaillima, which was very fresh with a magnificent garden, and a mustard painted house on the Clonakilty Road.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category was slightly on the inconsistent side. On the Courtmacsherry approach, the grassy banks had been cut back but the dead grass had yet to be removed. The village nameplate on this side seemed a little battered! On the Clonakilty Road, magnificent michaelmas daisies were visible on overhanging grassy banks. Again, the grass had been cut here but the dead grass had not been removed, giving a rather unfinished appearance. An attractive old National School sign set in the wall on this road was admired. In terms of street furniture road signs were generally quite fresh and the freshly painted bollards looked extremely well.

General Impression:

Lislevane is a small attractive village whose residents show a great interest in its fascinating past and are showing a high level of consideration and care for its future. Well done to all concerned!