

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lismore**

Ref: **222**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **275**

Category: **C**

Date: **30/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	47	46
The Built Environment	40	36	36
Landscaping	40	39	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	27
Litter Control	40	38	36
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	35
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>267</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The assistance your committee is getting from Waterford County Council, your local Schools, Lismore Town Council, FAS, LEADER and indeed many other agencies is reflected in the wonderful appearance presented by Lismore on adjudication day. By identifying immediate projects as against future projects your approach to planning is most practical and indeed could be well copied by other centres. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for your plan. The map was most useful and the vast majority of items and places marked on it were seen.

### The Built Environment:

The great beauty of Lismore is that it has successfully managed to combine the old with the new and in this respect all the public buildings seen last year and listed in last years report were again seen this year and have not failed to impress. The new Community School will be a fine building when it is completed. The new railing around the monument was much admired. Unfortunately the fountain near the bridge does need refurbishing and your comments in this respect have been noted. The bridge too is a wonderful asset and the lovely lamp standards show it off to perfection. Commercial premises have indeed improved very much and some lovely paint work was to be seen on adjudication day. The public toilets are being well maintained both externally and internally and reflect great credit on the caretakers. Walls throughout the town are a lovely feature and, in many cases, are greatly enhanced by hanging baskets of flowers. The presentation of these buildings and facilities reflects great credit on all who are involved with them in maintaining such a high standard.

## **Landscaping:**

What a wonderful display. From the time the visitor approaches the town they are provided with the most wonderful display of trees, flowers and shrubs to be seen at any centre throughout the country. Splendid displays are to be seen on the approach roads from Cappoquin and Tallow, at both Churches, around the Monument, outside the Lismore Hotel, through every housing estate and street and into the smallest areas culminating with the magnificent Millennium Park which, once again this year, was a pleasure to visit. The presentation by business premises and individual households of window boxes, tubs of flowers and hanging baskets is to be applauded and baskets of flowers on walls and lamp standards were a joy to behold. The wonderful ambience of Lismore reflects great credit on your committee, your voluntary workers and your residents all of whom deserve the highest congratulations.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Wonderful opportunities exist in Lismore for the observance of wildlife in the form of the canal, the Millennium Park, Lady Louisa's Walk etc. and, in this respect, your comments regarding the provision of a notice board on flora and fauna is noted. Do, however, try to provide a specific wildlife project which might, for example, involve your school children putting nesting boxes and feeding tables in the school grounds which would be a lovely attraction and hopefully it would also interest them in this subject. There may perhaps be someone in the locality like a school teacher or some other person who is knowledgeable on this subject who you might consult.

## **Litter Control:**

The town of Lismore was litter free on adjudication day. This is a remarkable achievement for a town of its size. As the Adjudicator went around young children were seen doing a 'litter round' which, amongst other activities, probably accounts for the wonderful overall presentation. Congratulations to all concerned.

## **Tidiness:**

A wonderful effort has also been made in this respect. The town was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Where building is taking place some untidiness will naturally occur but this has been allowed for in the adjudication. Again, a wonderful effort by all concerned and a clear indication of their interest in the preservation of their living environment.

## **Residential Areas:**

Again this year, all housing estates in the town were visited. New estates have added greatly to the stock of houses in Lismore and they, and their open spaces, are being well maintained. The town also has a wonderful stock of old houses - both individual and terraced which, with one or two exceptions, were presented very nicely. Most houses, particularly new ones, had lovely gardens in full bloom and were much admired. Those that had no gardens presented window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs of flowers to augment the splendid overall effort which has taken place. Because of the tremendous effort put in by all concerned it would be somewhat unfair to name any particular estate or house so the Adjudicator says - well done to all concerned.

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

As already mentioned, approach roads are well presented, particularly those from Cappoquin and Tallow and set a lovely tone for the rest of the town. Road surfaces are quite good and pathways are being well maintained also. New pathways being provided in New Street were noticed. All this reflects great credit on your Local Authorities and they are to be commended for it.

## **General Impression:**

What a wonderful effort by all concerned in the presentation of this charming town. The adjudicator was greatly taken with the way in which old and new buildings, landscaping, new and old houses, parks and recreation areas can be brought together and to compliment each other in the provision of the wonderful atmosphere which prevails in Lismore. The adjudicator, yet again, looks forward to returning to Lismore next year to see even further progress.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

The Heritage Town of Lismore was presented to the highest of standards on Second Adjudication Day. It has made steady progress in the competition over the years and these efforts have definitely paid dividends! The Cappoquin side of the town affords the visitor a magnificent introduction to Lismore, with the riverside area running along beside the road and a magnificent view to the Castle beyond as one travels over the bridge. Items of landscaping such as the fountain in the Castle wall and those in the magnificent Millenium Park were in good working order on the day, creating an attractive display! The Heritage Centre was well maintained as were the buildings along the main streets of the town. The Mall area leading up to the Cathedral looked quite elegant on the day, and is quite reflective of the character of the town, which has maintained its unique heritage and charm. Lismore is always a pleasure to visit due to this very fact. It looked extremely well cared for on Second Adjudication Day so a hearty congratulations to all concerned!