

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lisavaird**

Ref: **117**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **190**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>190</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Lisavaird is welcome to the 2005 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission; we note the absence of a planned work programme and urge you to submit one for next year as it is difficult to make substantial progress in the Competition without one. Lisavaird is an attractive crossroads village with nice views from the approach road of the church and graveyard and scenic views out of the village to the surrounding countryside with its field patterns and grazing animals; the view from the road up the hill behind the school is particularly pleasant in this respect. We note from your submission that you are quite successful at fundraising and that you work in conjunction with statutory bodies; congratulations on this. Perhaps a Tidy Towns newsletter a couple of times each year might be one way of improving communication with the wider community. Have you given any consideration to highlighting the Fort as a feature of Lisavaird and particularly providing interpretive facilities?

### The Built Environment:

The Pike Bar is beautifully painted together with the adjoining property; consideration should be given to removing the dated beer signs together with the redundant frame here. The church looks well as does the school. Some commercial premises on the Skibbereen entrance including the curtilage area are in need of improvement and corrugated sheds and outbuildings behind Hurleys shop could be improved also; the shop itself however is an attractive building. The roof of the Hurley mill complex looks bad and should be improved as it breaks the skyline and is highly visible

from a number of points in the village and approach roads.

### **Landscaping:**

Grassed verges are beautifully maintained from nameplate to the village centre and feature young trees, attractive hedgerow and shrubs; the green open space in the centre which features the two old ploughs enjoys an excellent presentation also. We note from your submission that stone fences have been cleaned and new lawns set. We urge you to maintain the verges of your approach roads a little better to the nameplate; this might simply involve treating a narrow strip of the verge from the roadside and leaving the hedgerow behind to grow wild. The school grounds could be landscaped further. Do try to feature trees and shrubs that are native rather than exotic plants as these provide important wildlife habitats and are a source of food.

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

Wild fuchsia and ferns were the predominant plants in wild hedgerow and were admired. Some consideration might be given to adopting a project under this heading and pursuing it in cooperation with school children, for example a survey of birds of the area might be undertaken or indeed a broader wildlife survey. The purpose would be to identify species present and to put in place whatever protective measures are necessary in the event of the further development of Lisavaird.

### **Litter Control:**

Well done on your continuous litter collection; the village was litter free at the time of adjudication and looked particularly well. We urge you to submit details of your daily and weekly litter control activities together with your overall litter management strategy as these can earn marks as well as the absence of litter at the time of adjudication. Has consideration been given to encouraging the school to become a Green Flag school?

### **Tidiness:**

The broken windows and overall appearance of the green corrugated building located in the wide hard shoulder in the village centre gives it an appearance of neglect which is unfortunate given its prominent location in Lisavaird. Other aspects of the village were quite tidy although reference will be made again to the corrugated sheds and outbuildings behind Hurley's shop. Has consideration been given to the location of a recycling point within Lisavaird or the involvement of businesses in the Race Against Waste initiative? The village had an overall appearance of tidiness, well done.

### **Residential Areas:**

The majority of residential properties were presented to a high standard and those on the road to the church were admired for their gardens. Two storey dwellings located across from the school looked a little weather stained and their curtilage areas were underdeveloped; no doubt this problem will be resolved in time. Has there been applications for planning permission for residential estates in the village as has been the case with other centres? The adjudicator would be surprised if Lisavaird escaped such development and the committee are urged that in the event of such an occurrence they should liaise with developers to ensure that proposed developments are consistent with the rural character of the village.

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

Reference has already been made to the overgrown nature of roadside verges and again you are urged to maintain at least the roadside edge of verges trimmed to the nameplate. The hard shoulder in the village centre is rough in appearance and needs to be resurfaced. The car park to the Pike Bar is nicely presented and the car park to the church should have car parking spaces delineated and perhaps some landscaping could be featured here also.

**General Impression:**

Lisavaird is a pleasant village that was neatly presented at the time of adjudication, however more could be achieved to enhance both the appearance and the recreational amenity status of the village for the community.

**Second Round Adjudication:**