

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lislevane**

Ref: **462**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **239**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	33	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	27
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	239	228

Overall Developmental Approach:

Lislevane is located in beautiful countryside of gentle rolling hills amongst fields of green and gold and numerous woodland areas. The visual amenity status of the village centre is excellent and complements its setting wonderfully. The namestone explaining the origin of Lislevane and the meaning of the name, (Fort of the Elm) together with the old photograph of the village in days gone by gives a wonderful sense of continuity between past and present and a promise of a valuable heritage for future generations. Your engraved stone giving the location of different family groups of Lislevane is a nice touch also. Welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition.

The Built Environment:

Buildings are presented to an excellent standard and the colour scheme and flower display at Sextons, Wheltons and the Post Office was admired as were the beautifully white washed farm outbuildings located on the side road of the crossroads. The petrol station looked well also. Although not technically inside the village nameplates the Barryroe Co-op complex should be mentioned here as it is so close to the village. Its presentation was excellent in all respects and it is suggested that the village nameplate be moved further out the approach road to incorporate this enterprise. We note from your application that there are a number of building projects in the pipeline and we urge you to be vigilant and to liaise with developers regarding their possible impact on the built environment.

Landscaping:

The hard surfaced landscaped area featuring the "girls" located in the village centre is really beautiful. At the time of adjudication the stone book had yet to be added to this excellent public art. The village appears to have achieved an appropriate balance between permanent planting and seasonal flower displays. Young trees in the village centre and on approach roads are maturing well and will provide heritage for future generations and of course habitats for wildlife. Flower displays in window boxes and on poles and the novel flower train were profuse and colourful.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We note from your submission that you have erected bird nesting boxes and your hope that the newly planted fuschia hedgerow will provide habitat for bird life and other wildlife. Ideally a wildlife survey should be undertaken to establish existing habitats in order that these can be protected from the impact of future development. Your wildlife officer in the local authority can be of considerable help in this respect.

Litter Control:

Congratulations on your success in last years winter Muintir na Tire Litter Free Road Side Competition and well done on your participation in the Inter Village Challenge. Lislevane was litter free during adjudication, this is a fine accomplishment. Do submit details of your overall litter management strategy as well as your daily and weekly litter control activities as these can be a source of additional marks.

Tidiness:

Well done on maintaining a high standard under this heading. Has the committee considered involvement in the "Race against Waste" and other projects which will take Lislevane beyond the tidiness aspect of their immediate environs. The An Taisce website has a list of useful addresses and contacts. Your Tidy Towns Handbook will also be useful in this regard.

Residential Areas:

Residential Properties are presented to a standard of excellence. All were beautifully painted in strong, bright colours and added to the visual amenity status of the village centre. Your liason with residents is obviously effective. The challenge now will be to integrate new residents into the life of the community and the Tidy Towns initiative in particular so that new residential developments will add to the quality of life in Lislevane rather than detract from it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The name stone on the entrance to Lislevane from the Courtmacsherry road was particularly admired as it explained the origin of the name of the village and the village itself. Verges inside the nameplate were neatly presented also on this approach while they were a little less well presented on other approach roads. The wirescape in the village centre is visually obtrusive and hopefully will be removed at some stage. We note your objective of developing a walkway to Barryroe Co-op, the Parish Church and the National School together with provision of additional public lighting and the re-instatement of roadmarkings and catseye's on newly re-surfaced road. We wish you well in achieving these objectives which appear to be totally reasonable and which when implemented will enhance safety.

General Impression:

The overall impression of Lislevane is most favorable with its wonderful flower displays its obvious sense of community and its continuity with previous generations.

Second Round Adjudication:

The main part of the village was looking extremely well at second adjudication with all the colourful plantings at their peak. A really pleasant picture greets you as you enter the village with tremendous attention to detail. The standard of painting and décor is very high. Cemetery is very well cared for and the special features of the

“ Girls”, water feature, millennium name stone and tractor trailer filled plants all combine to present a very pretty picture. The Barryroe area deserves special mention again even though this is out of the village enclosure – seldom are business premises of this type encountered looking so well painted and presented. The Church and school surely must be part of the village ? The roadside pull in car park by the school needs resurfacing and some weediness to either side of the grotto could be cleared giving a more crisp appearance and hopefully a remedy can be found for the house beside the church.