

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lisacul**

Ref: **339**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **190**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	27
The Built Environment	40	23	21
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>180</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Lisacul is welcome to the 2005 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included a summary of your five year plan. Congratulations on the list of projects which have been completed in the past year and on your success in 2003 and 2004. The village is located on a busy thoroughfare with a lot of passing traffic, yet it has managed to retain its essential character and neatness. This is no small achievement. We note with interest your participation on the Pride of Place and commend you for this. Well done on extensive stone wall building and landscaping.

### The Built Environment:

The school and the church are excellent in their presentation. Both are beautifully painted and the church grounds are wonderful in design, landscaping and maintenance. Its roadside car park is neatly maintained also. Creatons Bar and Lounge looks quite well as does the nearby hall to its roadside edge. Landscaping has been noted to the side of Creatons. Some outbuildings near the speed limit sign on this road are in need of upgrading. The new residential development on the crossroads looks good but we note that it has not yet been completed. This development creates a strong visual impact on the village centre.

### Landscaping:

The landscaped area of the crossroads was admired and the shrubbery and container plants here are maturing well. Your well maintained wide grass margins on approach roads are perfect in presentation and are matched only by the beautifully maturing trees and shrubbery. Container planting around the village and on approach roads is colourful and attractive. Mention has already been made of the church grounds with its grotto and shrubbery. All approach roads and entrances to the village are effective in signalling an attractive venue at Lisacul.

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

The graveyard is neatly presented and the new stone wall here was admired. We note your intention to develop walking routes in the area and wish you well on this initiative. The angling facility is an important amenity, however the roadside entrance appears undeveloped. The adjoining woodland area which appears to be in a mature stage of growth is an important wildlife habitat. We note from your submission that the committee is having a meeting regarding the wildlife of the area and we look forward to the outcome of this.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control is excellent which is a fine achievement for such a small village on a busy thoroughfare. We would be interested to have more details on your litter management strategy and your litter management control activities as these can earn you additional marks.

### **Tidiness:**

The village exuded an overall ambience of tidiness. The only problematic areas were construction work still in progress and roadside edges and curtilage areas and boundaries that have not been completed. No doubt, upon the completion of all work, these last vestiges of untidiness will disappear.

### **Residential Areas:**

This has been an important growth area in Lisacul over the last year or so. Older dwellings continue to be presented to a high standard, being well painted with attractive gardens. Newer developments are sitting comfortably in their environment but, as noted previously, have not yet been completed. A number of sites have been noted with planning permissions for further residential development. The task facing the community now will be to integrate the new residents into the social fabric of the community and hopefully to gain more willing hands for the Tidy Towns initiative.

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

Congratulations on stone wall building on approach roads and at a number of venues in Lisacul. We note also new road surfaces and newly created footpaths, this is a grand achievement. The new nameplates look well and have earned you additional marks also. We look forward to the ducting of the overhead service cables and the provision of attractive new lampstandards within the village centre.

### **General Impression:**

The amount of work and general maintenance required to present Lisacul to such a high standard would suggest a much larger community. It is amazing what a small community can achieve and your activities and efforts and strong sense of community can only be admired.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

