

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Lismire** Ref: **655**  
County: **Cork (North)** Mark: **189**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **21/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	22
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	12
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>189</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Lismire is a village which has all the necessary ingredients to do extremely well in the competition. As mentioned in last year's report you should draw up a development plan. You don't appear to have done so. It will help you see clearly where to go next – what your strengths and weaknesses are and help you to set goals for the future. The document need only be a few pages long outlining your plans and objectives for the village's future. You could use the Tidy Town's reports for the last number of years as a starting point using the various categories of the competition. Lismire Community Association is certainly a large one at 15 given the size of the village. You would appear to have a good working relationship with the school and frequent meetings. Many thanks for your nice clear map which was most useful on the day.

### **The Built Environment:**

Construction work was taking place to the school on the day and its new boundary wall was complete. The Church was quite stained with red algae but a patch had been painted on the wall so presumably this will be rectified in the not too distant future. The shop looked a little neglected.

### **Landscaping:**

Attractive planting to the front of the Church and to the roadside to delineate its parking area looked extremely well. The playing field was well presented surrounded by its new stone walling and its pull in area had been gravelled. There were a number of attractive stone plaques around the village one to the old National School at the crossroads and the other dedicated to O'Sullivan Bere. Your stone name sign planned for the crossroads is looked forward to with great anticipation. Plans to identify areas of importance by means of fingerpost signs are also a good idea.

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

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section of your application form blank. Last year's adjudicator suggested that you get the Heritage Council leaflet in relation to this topic did you do so? You should get the local school children involved in drawing up a survey of wildlife habitats in the area. Local experts could also be of help in identifying these areas.

#### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was very good with none being evident at the village centre. However, some was evident on approach roads but this was quite minor. Allocating bins at various spots around the village is obviously paying dividends.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section in your application form blank. This is an aspect of the competition that is becoming more and more important! Do you have a strategy in relation to waste minimisation? Have you considered organising seminars on segregation of litter and composting? Is the local school involved in the green schools competition?

#### **Tidiness:**

As identified in your application form you do have a problem with derelict sites – have you looked into the ownerships of these? Do liaise closely with the County Council in relation to the solution to this problem. One derelict cottage looked most unfortunate situated as it is in a most overgrown area. Another had been painted up but its forecourt area appeared quite neglected in the village centre. Weed control is something that will need to be tackled on approach roads.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The standard in this category of the competition was generally good. Houses on the Meeling Road looked well. One with a lovely gravel garden filled with flowers and hanging baskets of nasturtiums at the crossroads was greatly admired. The cottages with cottage gardens on the Kanturk Road looked extremely well especially that with blue hydrangeas – St. Joseph's Terrace.

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

The standard in this category was somewhat inconsistent. On the Meeling Road the Duhallow signage was admired but the hedgerows appeared quite rough and overgrown particularly opposite the well presented playing fields. Weeds were evident to kerbsides although the new footpaths were admired. The Kanturk Road is an attractive one with mature overhanging trees on grassy banks. The hedgerows had been well cut back but litter was apparent. The road strangely was more overgrown further in. The road by the Church appeared quite overgrown with weedy kerbsides also.

#### **General Impression:**

Lismire is a village which has the potential to do extremely well in the competition. Do draw up a work programme for next year as you will find it of great benefit to you in your work and it will help the adjudicators to assess how you are progressing as the years go by.