

# Tidy Towns Competition 2006

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Lisacul** Ref: **795**  
County: **Roscommon** Mark: **211**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **04/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	32
The Built Environment	50	24
Landscaping	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>211</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The committee of 10 members appears to be a very active committee judging by all the work that has been undertaken in the village. The village has a very attractive appearance and the careful attention and maintenance of this village is immediately apparent on arrival. The note enclosed with the entry form was helpful to gain an understanding of the present situation in the village. The major building programmes that are underway are causing some disruption at the moment and when all of the work is complete a reassessment can take place and new objectives can be formed.

### **The Built Environment:**

The church is the most prominent building in the village and this looks extremely well together with the surrounding houses. The grotto is very attractively presented and the figures look very well. The school also looks well and shows that care and attention it receives. The stone walls are a very strong feature of the village and these lend a great character and uniqueness to the village. Some walls are block wall only and perhaps in time some stone facing may take place especially close to the Church. The Creatons premises looks very well. Some derelict buildings have been nicely camouflaged and this is a good method of dealing with them. The new cemetery is very well cared for and the entrance walls and gate give this a very nice presentation. The old cemetery shows great work in restoring this to the present state and is good. A visit was made to the children's cemetery also. The Community centre is in good condition and the building on the road opposite the cemetery was noted and it was observed that work was in progress on this building.

### **Landscaping:**

The church grounds come in for special comment under this heading. These grounds are a credit to all who looks after them. They are well designed, well planted and well cared for and they contribute greatly to the pivotal position in the village. The school grounds look very well and the cemetery is well maintained. The

roadside landscape features are particularly attractive with tree planting beginning to show some maturity at this stage. The plant features on the corners add good interest.

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

The old cemetery area offers good potential for a wildlife appreciation activity. It is noted that this area is designated for this purpose and some clearance to the side of the cemetery was noticed – hopefully this is the beginnings of an interesting project. Consult the tidy towns handbook as a help to developing this aspect

#### **Litter Control:**

Very good litter control was evident at the visit. As noted already the segregation of this is very good. Having the local schools involved is an excellent idea.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Bringing the recyclable waste to the civic amenity centre in Ballaghaderreen is very commendable and shows the effort that is placed into this and the seriousness of the management of your waste programme. This aspect of the competition is about concentrating both on the need to choose materials and methods that avoid producing waste and to consider environmentally friendly ways of dealing with the waste that is generated. A campaign of awareness with both homeowners and business people needs to be started to give an understanding of the importance of waste management and recycling. Compost heaps can be made for green materials, avoidance of using materials that do not degrade easily and separation of the various materials so that they can be recycled.

#### **Tidiness:**

The village is very tidy. The building work in progress at the moment is taking its toll on the tidiness aspect but this will be remedied when all the work is completed. The underground cables give a great skyline with no overhead cables and the lamp standards look very well. The ordered approach of footpaths and grass verges gives a very tidy effect.

#### **Residential Areas:**

The residences along the roadsides look very well. There is an obvious pride taken in the village and this translates into people looking after their own properties and caring for their gardens. Good credit is due to all who contribute in this way. The new housing estates hopefully will blend into the village landscape well. It is important that entrance greens and any open space within these estates is well planted preferably with trees so helping unit the building schemes with the surrounding countryside.

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

The traffic moves through the village at a fast rate and maybe consideration should be given to some form of traffic calming measures. The road surfaces are excellent and the foot paths are well constructed- some of which look relatively new. Tree planting to the roadsides and careful maintenance of the grass verges produces a very clean and simple formula which works ever so well.

#### **General Impression:**

Great work has been done in achieving the standards of today. The committee and all that cooperate are to be congratulated in this fine effort. The difficulties of the building developments hopefully will settle soon. It is important to watch for planning applications for buildings to be alerted to any such applications that might have a harmful effect on the core value of the village