

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Lavey** Ref: **1426**  
County: **Cavan** Mark: **195**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **17/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>195</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Lavey was entered as part of the drive by SuperValu to work with communities to approve the environmental standards of their areas through participation in the National TidyTowns Competition. Areas were entered on the basis that they fall within the catchment area of the nearest SuperValu store and this 'baseline assessment' is intended to provide a basis on which progress could be made over the coming years through partnership with residents, businesses and local agencies. As such it should not be interpreted as a critique of the area but rather an opportunity for everybody to work together to make their hometown a better place to work, live and visit. As part of SuperValu's strategic approach to sustainable development in the area, a nominal mark has been given to reflect this. Further marks will be awarded in future years where more tangible TidyTowns structures are developed and local environmental plans prepared and implemented.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Lavey Inn is a busy bar and restaurant and maintained in very good condition The Spar shop and filling station is clean and tidy. Alongside Spar there was a small shop, it appeared to be closed down and was advertising children's toys for sale. Lavey hardware is on the other side of the road and has a busy yard well secluded to the back of the main premises. The other business premises in Lavey is Interlink Ireland depot for a courier's business, and is recessed nicely from the road

### **Landscaping:**

The Lavey Inn sports a fine amenity area that has bar benches and large neatly cut lawns. It also has a very well maintained shrub area with some fine trees spread around, and it is screened off from the main road with suitable hedging. There is a grassed area outside the pub, near the bus stop, at the side of the main road that appears to be maintained by the proprietor of the Lavey Inn. In a most unusual way the hamlet is screened in by hundreds of evergreen conifer trees, and it appeared to me that this is done by a local farmer that planted

his farm.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

There is secluded view of a beautiful lake through the trees, but I could not find a public entrance to the lake. With all the trees and the lake this is a haven for local and migrant birds, and it could be interesting to conduct a study of the habitats of the wildlife in the area.

**Litter Control:**

There was very little litter visible in the hamlet of further out in the countryside of the townland.

**Waste Minimisation:**

Without details of ongoing community projects, it was difficult to assess the extent of progress being made under this category and I would look forward to seeing whether progress has in fact been made on future assessments. However taking into account the existing council facilities and SuperValu's own commitment in this area, I believe a nominal mark is appropriate for this year.

**Tidiness:**

This is farming country so to speak and there was a freshness about the place with the trees looking a deep green colour in the continuous downpour of rain on the day of adjudication.

**Residential Areas:**

Houses are dispersed around the townland in a ribbon development formation, and most of them are well landscaped with summer flowers, trees and shrubs,

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The busy Cavan Dublin road goes through the townland, and there is no official signpost for Lavey. There are a few side roads with good surfaces off the main road leading to Stradone, Crossdoney, Crosskeys and Bailieborough. The signpost for Crosskeys is broken off and discarded.

**General Impression:**

It is somewhat strange to find that the hamlet is so enclosed by the proliferation of conifer trees that block off the wonderful views of the surrounding lakes and hills. This was the first time that I stopped in Lavey and I enjoyed my visit.