

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lisgrea** Ref: **1419**
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 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 195 |

Overall Development Approach:

This area 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:

Lisgrea is found on arriving at Lisgrey Public House and restaurant. This is a fine Country House, well landscaped and with a spacious car park facility. The local Post Office and shop are closed down for the past few years.

Landscaping:

The only landscaping is found around the pub and restaurant. The remainder of this townland consists of farmhouses and farm buildings, some of which have bits of landscaping done.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Lisgrea lake is a haven for different types of migrant birds that visit the country each year, and it could be

interesting to conduct a study of the wildlife habitats of the locality.

Litter Control:

Some litter was found on the road verges going down to the lake, and, other than this, there were only isolated bits of litter visible.

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:

The townland was neat and tidy in a rural farming condition.

Residential Areas:

The townland is made up of farmhouses and some isolated new houses, as the main part of the townland runs along part of the Cavan to Dublin main road which is unsuitable for housing development.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main road from Cavan to Dublin passes through the townland. The only signposts noticed was for Lisgrea lake and for Lisgrey Inn.

General Impression:

It was nice to visit Lisgrea and drive down to the lake, which is a very peaceful amenity area.