

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lissacasey** Ref: **1197**
County: **Clare** Mark: **217**
Category: **B** Date(s): **16/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	22
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	217

Overall Development Approach:

You are very welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition and it is a pleasure to have Lissacasey on board. We hope it will be an enjoyable experience for your committee, your village and its environs. Thank you for your application including a resume of actions undertaken for the year and planned for the future. Also, your detailed map was of great benefit to the adjudicator in identifying relevant areas of the village and outlining area.

The Built Environment:

Lissacasey has progressed over the infrastructural improvement, the majority in keeping with the original streetscape and this has had a positive effect on the village, on what was an extremely busy day, traffic wise. Dereliction area/buildings are always a delicate problem for any village/town, good to note The Old Dispensary is on the agenda for projects planned. This adjudicator will look forward with interest to seeing the fruits of your work. Public buildings such as Fergus Credit Union were greatly admired, the Historic Landmark of Fanny O'Dea's pub, your church of "Our Lady of the Wayside" was also in pristine condition and as mentioned on your report plays a major role in the appearance of your village.

Landscaping:

Your landscaping efforts, for one that has just entered the National Tidy Town Competition, are to be congratulated. The River Island wonderful planting arrangements, colour without being overly beautified. This area, together with its mature trees in the background is an ideal location to sit and reflect and watch the world go by. Well done on your wonderful amenity initiative from locals and visitors. Also noted for its landscaped area was planting opposite the credit union. You are also to be congratulated on this initiative. This is a long stretch of landscape and it will need ongoing maintenance to keep it looking well! The picnic area on approach to the G.A.A. grounds could do with attention; it looked rather dull and lacked colour on the

day of adjudication. Some colourful potted planting would be recommended in this area. Hanging baskets on church grounds also needed care and attention. However, hanging baskets on the bridge were very much admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Lissacasey has an abundance of natural habitats and wildlife conservation and preservation that would be the envy of other similar sized villages. Areas such as the Cascades and River Island have big potential for Wildlife Projects. The Committee should consider approaching the school and it is noted that the principal is an active member of your committee. Consider erecting some wildlife display boards. The Heritage Council will help you identify wildlife pockets in the immediate area. Wildlife projects are always very appealing to children. You might also think of contacting the Wildlife Ranger in Clare County Council to talk with the children, hence they learn from an early age to appreciate wildlife. The planting undertaken throughout the village is of benefit to wildlife in the area and this should be kept in mind for future landscaping projects.

Litter Control:

Your efforts in trying to keep the village and its outskirts free from litter are laudable. Again the involvement of the school children will give them a sense of responsibility in trying to keep Lissacasey litter free. Some litter was noticed on the day; one black spot area was the Picnic area. Bins do need to be replaced here.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a relatively new area, which needs to be addressed under the National Tidy Town Competition. The Race Against Waste is a campaign in raising awareness of better Waste Management. It is incumbent on us all to embrace this in light of our poor record among the wider European Community. Refer to the Race Against Waste publication included with the original application package.

This is another area where the children can get involved and learn from an early age from good practice. The Green Flag programme for national schools is highly recommended and is organized by An Taisce. The Recycling Centre and Bring Bank Facility was presented well on adjudication day.

Tidiness:

Overall, the standard here was acceptable without being exceptional. In relation to dead grass weed growth, it is important to clean up residue as it can be more unsightly than overgrowth itself.

Residential Areas:

Overall, the standard in the category was quite good. There are some new developments in the Village, Project noted on these been further enhanced. Private Residences were presented well overall. Credit is due to the residents who take it upon themselves to look after their properties and present them to a good standard.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main road through Lissacasey had a very good road surface. However, good to note of your future plans for the "Boree Log" area, Road surfaces were in poor condition and we suggest you contact the County Council regarding improvements.

General Impression:

Again, Lissacasey is very welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Your interaction with Clare County Council and other relevant agencies e.g. Fas will be of huge benefit to Lissacasey and the National Tidy Towns effort. Your centre is an important one for the high traffic numbers using the village. Your involvement with the Tidy Towns Competition will further enhance your quality of life in and around the village. Good luck for 2008.