

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lisavaird** Ref: **686**
County: **Cork (West)** Mark: **197**
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	24
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	10
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	11
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	197

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your completed application for the 2008 Tidy Towns. It is encouraging to see that you see the competition as a positive one and don't be disheartened by the lack of local involvement. Your committee of five is obviously doing trojan work to compensate! It is commendable that you have visited the local school and the newsletter is also a good idea. Perhaps you could enclose a copy with next years application?

The Built Environment:

The Pike Bar looked well on the day of adjudication and is a landmark site in the village. The School and Church were well presented. The buildings surrounding the old National School (1887) are a huge blight on the Rosscarbery Road, which is otherwise well maintained. Perhaps the proprietor would consider painting the buildings to minimise the effects of their current state. There are a series of other rather neglected outhouses which are probably privately owned that detract from Lissavaird. Perhaps the Tidy Towns Committee could take on to repaint the Old Hall before next year's competition, as it would greatly enhance the impact of the main road frontage.

Landscaping:

The permanent planting on the Rosscarbery Road is to be commended as it is effective and sustainable giving impact and coverage all year round. Lawn areas on the secondary approach roads were well maintained, as was the Clonakilty Road. Hedge rows were well presented and the restored farm machinery was colourfully painted and added a welcome splash of colour.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Given the rural location of Lissavaird and the agricultural nature of the area hedge rows must be teeming with

birds, insects and interesting flora. Perhaps the school children could conduct an audit of flora and fauna in Lisavaird.

Litter Control:

Litter control is not a problem in Lissavaird. Very little was evident on the day of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

It is disappointing to note no information in this section yet again. Maybe you could consider composting for next year?

Tidiness:

Your constant control of weed growth and general cleanliness is laudable. Keep up the good work! As mentioned the presence of old farm machinery and neglected farm buildings visible from the road gives an unnecessary sense of untidiness to the village. Much of this, of course, is out of the control of the Tidy Towns Committee but unfortunately has an impact on their good work!

Residential Areas:

Private residences close to the School and Church are generally well maintained and gardens looked well. Attention to boundary wall is required in some cases.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The various approach roads to Lissavaird are neat, tidy and well trimmed. You mentioned that weed control is a priority and this is working well though some were visible opposite Hurleys. The car park behind the Pike Bar was spotless.

General Impression:

Given the volume of traffic passing through Lissavaird daily the main roads are well maintained and a credit to the Tidy Towns Committee. Unfortunately a number of prominently located storage buildings ruin an otherwise well presented frontage. Good luck with your efforts for 2008!!