

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lismire** Ref: **655**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **220**
Category: **A** Date(s): **09/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	33
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	22
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	220

Overall Development Approach:

Congratulations to Lismire on your entry to the TidyTowns Competition 2008. The village map was most helpful as was the numbering of places that had to be seen. For such a small village you are fortunate to have a committee of 15, illustrating that your organisation has the support of many people in the area. It is also noted that you engage with the IRD and the County Council. Regrettably you left the section on your engagement with the school blank. It is great that the school is trying to achieve Green Flag Status and maybe you could involve the kids in the village clean up. Then include photos of the community at work in your litter clean-ups with next year's entry. Thank you also for including your 5 year plan. All of the projects are worthwhile. With next years submission you could state which agencies you will work with to achieve your wish list and state how the various projects will be financed.

The Built Environment:

As Lismire is such a small village every building has added responsibility to be presented well in order to create a good atmosphere in the village for both resident and passer-by. Therefore it is important that the Community Centre is well painted and maintained so you could take another look at this building. The GAA grounds look very well and the car park provides relief. The school also looks well. The centre of the village is most uplifting.

Landscaping:

Great work is being done in Lismire on the landscaping front. Hedges throughout the village look well. The trees at the GAA pitch are in keeping with the vegetation of the area. The work that has been done at the old school site is a real treat. The landscaping softens the impact of the wall here. The Church grounds are well presented and one suspects that there is all year colour in the raised beds. There is very attractive

landscaping at the entrance to Lios na Gréine.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

This is an important element of the TidyTowns Competition and it is a pity that you do not have someone on your committee who might dedicate themselves to making the residents of Lismire aware of the rich wildlife that surrounds them. The suggestions of last year's adjudicator are still valid and worth pursuing.

Litter Control:

The village was largely free of litter on the day of the visit, well done. Let us know in your submission how you proceed with litter control. The litter bin at the old school amenity area is evidence of your planning. In order to achieve higher marks in this section we need to know what litter control procedures you have in place.

Waste Minimisation:

Hopefully the school achieves Green Flag Status in the coming year. Glad to see that the school is involved in recycling. Details of this would be helpful. During the winter your group might study the booklet 'Race Against Waste'. It would certainly stimulate waste minimisation projects.

Tidiness:

The overall appearance of Lismire is neat and tidy but your committee should not relax. Coming into the summer the weeds begin to appear and can give a neglected appearance to a lovely place. Be vigilant with the grass margins. The road on the Newmarket side had an untidy feel. It would help you focus your plans if you were to fill in the 'projects planned' section of the Entry Form'. The signage around the village looked well and you can be justly proud of the signs at the old school which give a sense of community directing one to the main activities in the village.

Residential Areas:

The people of Lismire present their houses with pride. The same is true of Lios na Gréine where the landscaping enhances the estate. Stonework adds to the pleasant picture.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

No matter what road one takes to Lismire one has a sense of a pleasant village community. The sign for the Dunhallow Trail is well presented. There are attractive and maintained hedges at the Lios na Gréine side but keep the verges under control. Greater grass margin control on the Newmarket approach road would bring better definition of the idea of an upcoming settlement. Your plan for extra lighting for the village should evoke a welcome response. Try to ensure that the cables are buried when this work is going on.

General Impression:

A most enjoyable visit. Good luck now in your quest for funding for planned works. Your plans are ambitious and the village deserves the best. Surely the works recently completed must give you great promise and great confidence.