

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Lusk** Ref: **174**  
County: **Dublin(Fingal)** Mark: **255**  
Category: **E** Date(s): **21/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	39
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>255</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Welcome to the TidyTowns 2008 Competition. Thank you for your congratulations letter and best wishes for the TidyTowns 50th anniversary. It was greatly appreciated. And many thanks for your 5 year plan. Congratulations on your Community Person of the Year award. This is a wonderful initiative. The Lusk TidyTowns committee calendar is a also a very clever and useful way to promote the programme. The Lusk TidyTowns DVD and the Lusk TidyTowns 25 years is a wonderful way to commemorate the work that has been undertaken and well done to all the people involved. Lusk is a long standing supporter of the TidyTowns initiative and have produced wonderful work over the years. And it is great that you have always ensured the involvement of children from the area in your activities which hopefully will guarantee that future generations will continue your good work.

### **The Built Environment:**

The shopping area shops were all neat and tidy. The Garda station was well painted and featured colourful flowers. The repainting of Murray's Pub brightens up the whole area. The nursing home featured appealing landscaping and Kellys Garage featured wonderful roses and a lovely garden space. Both these buildings were well maintained. We were pleased to see your leaflet focusing on keeping businesses and shops tidy. Congratulations on all the work you have undertaken in recording the heritage of Lusk. It will definitely be beneficial for future generations. The old school is a bit overgrown and contained a fair bit of litter.

### **Landscaping:**

The new plantings at the bridge were admired and the old stone areas were clean and tidy. The park opposite the church had some lovely new plantings. The waste pump area was well kept. The plantings to the left of library were a bit untidy and require some more attention. The Lusk Market Square Sculpture is a wonderful addition and your own special Lusk landmark. Well done on this. Well done on all your tree planting in the new

Chapel Farm estate and your creation of the Avenue of Trees is to be highly commended.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

All your landscaping projects have benefitted wildlife throughout the Lusk area and we are aware of the commitment of your group to maintaining your natural landscape and protecting biodiversity - as demonstrated most recently with your recent DVD to commemorate the UN Year of the Potatoe. And we look forward to your proposed new wildlife area in the town.

**Litter Control:**

Generally there was not much litter in Lusk on the day of adjudication and this was also true around the shopping centre where one might expect to find some. Unfortunately the bins opposite had been vandalised which did detract from the overall good impression. The poster on Keeping Lusk Tidy was appreciated and it was great to see these displayed around the town.

**Waste Minimisation:**

The creation of a Reduce and Reuse poster was very good. It is great to see that you are focusing on these two R's first rather than just recycling. We were pleased to hear you are working with the other schools to assist them in achieving a green flag and congratulations to the two schools that already have them. Your undertaking to spread more information to schools on waste reduction is appreciated and will be beneficial to the whole community in the long run.

**Tidiness:**

Streets were generally quite tidy. But it is hoped that something can be done with the derelict car soon. There was also plywood boards left over from building in the corner of the carpark.

**Residential Areas:**

This Lusk village development is a wonderful estate. The wood features and rendering of the buildings were very appealing. The cobblestone parking bays increase the "village" feel of this area. The playground area in Dun Emer Estate is a great feature. The area was clean and tidy and the work you have done here is evident. The New Park area was also neat and tidy. The Close and Dun Emer Drive were well presented. It was interesting to see that Dun Emer have an online discussion board. Perhaps you could promote TidyTowns activities through this? The re-thatched cottage on Lusk Road looks fabulous. The bright red and white paintwork along with the colourful flowers is a wonderful feature to have in an urban area.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Roads were of a reasonable standard in most areas. Murray's car park was generally quite clean except for some litter in the corners. There was a bit of a bottle neck coming out of the new shopping area, so this might be something that needs to be addressed in the future if traffic increases.

**General Impression:**

Lusk can certainly change somewhat over the years with your transition from village to town, but nonetheless it still retains a village charm, not least through your activities. Your ongoing recording of the history of the area is a vital legacy to future generations and we wondered whether you have ever considered applying for Sound and Vision Funding from the BCI for your future documentary projects? They deserve to be brought to a wider audience. Well done on everything you have achieved to date and we look forward to seeing Lusk in TidyTowns again next year.