

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Lurganboy** Ref: **434**  
County: **Leitrim** Mark: **231**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	41
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>231</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Lurganboy is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition in this its 50th anniversary year, thank you for your submission. The adjudicator compliments your plan and wishes you every success in its implementation. Lurganboy is well poised for success in the competition given its location beside two woodland areas, the amenity opportunities that arise from this are substantial. Well done on your links with all sectors within the community; it is understandable that the schools are not involved because of their distance (3 miles) from the village. Hopefully the Comprehensive School in Manor Hamilton will engage with the Committee on a wild life project as requested. Heritage panels are an invaluable feature.

### **The Built Environment:**

The church building is charming and is set off nicely by its well-maintained grounds, boundary fencing and stonewall. Buildings in Lurganboy are a good combination of stone and plaster and the latter are nicely painted. Well done on your submission to Leitrim County Council regarding the consultation process in relation to the new County Development Plan 2009-2015. We wish you every success in future projects under this heading.

### **Landscaping:**

Flower displays in container plants throughout the village were colourful and profuse. The climbing plants planted along the high wall close to junction in the village has been noted. Climbing plants or fast-growing hedgerow might be planted at the ESB substation on the Manorhamilton Road for better enclosure. We wish you well in future projects under this heading. Where possible favour native species in your planting programme as these are more supportive of wildlife; avoid ornamental plants in public places, reserve these

for private spaces.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

It is important to observe the law under the Wildlife Act and refrain from hedge cutting during the months February to August in order to protect nesting and allow wildlife to flourish. Two woodland areas within the environs of the village provide plenty of opportunity for Nature Trails and wildlife surveys; a picnic bench was noted at one and the entrance to the woodland area on the Sligo Road was a bit weedy in appearance. Now that bird boxes have been agreed upon perhaps an appropriate project would be to do species count of bird and publish the results on an illustrated wildlife panel. Bear in mind that the goal under this heading is to both protect existing wildlife from development pressures and to promote awareness of the value of wildlife within the community; with this in mind an awareness campaign might be considered as a project.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent in Lurganboy on the Day of adjudication' well done. We note from your submission your participation in the National Spring Clean week. It is important that litter collected be segregated for recycling. It is good to note that the Fas scheme helps out in the elimination of illegal dumping in the woods

### **Waste Minimisation:**

Perhaps the most appropriate activity for a Lurganboy under this heading would be to conduct a Community Waste Audit to determine exactly how much waste is produced by residents and business and to devise ways of minimising this. The overall goal under this heading is to reduce waste rather than simply recycling although the latter is important

### **Tidiness:**

Well done on the clearing of footpaths and on weed control. knees The overall appearance of Lurganboy is one of tidiness. Your liaison with the local developer regarding the maintenance of the green area at a new development will hopefully bring about the desired result.

### **Residential Areas:**

Many gardens were admired for their design, colour and maintenance. The overall standard of presentation under this heading is quite good and there are many new residential units. Hopefully the legal issues regarding the grass outside of the three dwellings will be resolved before too long. You have made a start in welcoming new residents into the life of the community and the Tidy Towns initiative, this should be continued into the future

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Natural stone walls throughout the village and its environs are a strong feature of Lurganboy and most are being maintained weed-free. Footpaths are nicely surfaced and road surfaces are generally good also. Street furniture such as name stones and seating are being well-maintained and it was good to note the small amount of overhead service cables within the village. We wish you every success on proposed work to grass verges along approach roads next Spring. name again spared her go

### **General Impression:**

The overall appearance and presentation of Lurganboy is most pleasant and a high standard of presentation has been achieved overall. The village seems poised to grow further and we look forward to many repeat visits to Chart your progress.