

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lismire** Ref: **655**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **226**
Category: **A** Date(s): **05/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	33
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	25
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	226

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the entry form with a most helpful map of the area. You have a very ambitious 5 year development plan and when most of these aspirations are fulfilled Lismire will be greatly enhanced. 15 is an adequate amount of committee members and this spreads the work load, I note you have monthly meetings and clean ups. It is positive that you are getting support from IRD Duhallow Clár Cork Co. Council. You are communicating well with the community and this is very important. The local St Patrick's Day Parade is a great social Occasion. You could assist the school in attaining the Green Flag Status. The effort is worthwhile when it makes your community more aware of the environment, and creates a community spirit. The Santa and Fun day for the kids is a worthwhile treat and I note you submit a float for the local St Patrick's Parade.

The Built Environment:

The Church is maintained in a tidy fashion and I note you plan to freshen it up with paint. There is an attractive shrubbery in the car park and I like the four stone flower beds. The school is tastily decorated and maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. The community hall is a fine modern facility and caters well for the local community. It is a sign of the times to see the unfinished housing estate across from the school and hopefully work can recommence soon here. The finished houses are well maintained.

Landscaping:

The green amenity area is well presented with neat grass, permanent seating and tables surrounded by an appropriate stone wall and incorporates a modern bright rubbish bin. The sign post for Berra Breifine Way Duhallow is in pristine condition and very informative. The shrubs and flowers in tubs give a colourful lift to the area. I admired the new trees in the GAA car park situated inside the fine stone wall.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Cycling and walking pursuits are well catered for I would like to see some oak trees planted to encourage more wildlife. Could I with respect suggest you get a copy of Our Trees ISBN 0-9518612-5-5 which I trust will be very helpful for further planting.

Litter Control:

I inspected the litter bins in the village - well done, not much litter to be seen and obviously your litter clean up once a week is working well.

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to see that recycling is taking place at the school. Please try to assist the school authorities to attain the green flag status. You could encourage the community generally to consider composting as much waste as is possible.

Tidiness:

I agree that most of the weeds are kept at bay. The unfinished housing estate defaces the village somewhat but there is little you can do about this.

Residential Areas:

There are some wonderful private houses in Lismire, that are maintained to a very high standard with Trees, Lawns Shrubs and flowers. This high standard reflects a sense of Pride of Place

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The road at the cross for the school needs resurfacing in the near future. The signpost "Fáilte go Lios Maighir" is eye catching and spectacular. The signpost with the small print is very tastefully done. The road to the new development area needs attention; it was probably disturbed to provide the required services for the new houses.

General Impression:

You have an ambitious plan for the next five years. You have made steady progress, and I could see the "footprints" of your committee where workmanship is of a high quality. I note you plan to do some repair work on bridges, and could I recommend that you get advice on such matters from a structural engineer, especially where mortar is used to repair stonework. I have seen where work was with stones using the incorrect cement based mortar, and after a short period of time the mortar cracked. There is special lime mortar made up to this type of work, and I understand that the stones must be able to move.