

# Tidy Towns Competition 2011

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Lawrencetown** Ref: **199**  
County: **Galway** Mark: **223**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **21/06/2011**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2010</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2011</b>
Overall Development Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	50	35	36
Landscaping	50	27	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	10	13
Litter Control	50	29	30
Waste Minimisation	20	8	8
Tidiness	30	14	15
Residential Areas	40	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29	30
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>223</b>

### Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2011 TidyTowns competition. Your participation is important to TidyTowns movement. Thank you for the completed entry form, plan and the two maps. You have a good committee of 12 people, and you are holding plenty meetings to plan and monitor your activities. You have good contacts with the local authority, rural schemes and government agencies. The contacts you have with the local people ensure the smooth running of your affairs. All the regular visits to the schools are very important. You have a good approach to the competition.

### The Built Environment:

The Church is in pristine condition with the free standing bell, I admired the lovely railing outside. Lawrencetown NS school was well presented and great to see the green flag there. The Community Enterprise and Educational Centre is a landmark building on this busy road and positive to see it is being used for progressive purposes. I admired the community hall and grounds. The statue at the crossroads is a great structure, and it needs in the first instance a good washing down and perhaps a professional painting. The sculpture to Pdraig Reaney is interesting and is set in a good landscaped plot. There are some derelict houses in the village, and there is not a lot you can do about private property.

### Landscaping:

In this busy village good splashes of landscaping adorn the area, notably at the statue and at the sculpture. The nicely maintained grass stretches along the side of the roads give a freshness and welcoming feeling on approach roads. The fine array of mature trees and stone walls has a permanent landscape appearance.

Some lovely private landscaping compliments your efforts. Graveyards can be badly neglected and well done for your attention to the upkeep of the graveyard.

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

I agree with your statement that the whole locality is a rich wildlife habitat. You could enlist the assistance of some people that are interested in outdoor pursuits to inform us about all the wildlife that are present in the area. I admired the bird boxes. Your plans for the biodiversity project are interesting and I wish you well with the project.

#### **Litter Control:**

You are obviously paying a lot of attention to the control of the litter, as only a few bits were found near the sculpture and on the road near the Enterprise centre which obviously came from a passing car.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

I inspected the recycling centre where the five bins were well serviced and located in a neat and tidy place. With the schoolchildren engaged in the green flag programmes the people of Laurencetown will have a better understanding of the local environment, I read all about their activities and there is a lot going on in that school.

#### **Tidiness:**

The village was presented in a tidy fashion. The derelict houses have a bad effect on the area. Some of the road signage was dirty and therefore untidy. The Health centre was well presented neat and tidy. Good to see you are taking action of the illegal dumping in the area around the bog.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Hopefully you will get some success with the derelict houses. There are some well kept houses up from the sculpture. The houses around the village are well maintained and some had great displays of shrubs, trees, flowers and lawns. Hanging baskets and other flower arrangements adorned the houses around the church.

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

The roads are in good condition, and the well trimmed grass margins are admired. Some road signage are faded and in need of attention from Galway County Council. The extension of the footpath along the Eyrecourt road is welcomed. There are some interesting bridges and good to see you paying attention to them.

#### **General Impression:**

You are making progress in all the categories of the competition. The ambitious plans that you have will greatly enhance this picturesque village.