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Your help and assistance as a volunteer is critical to the success of our Tidy Towns campaign. Everybody is welcome

### Planting Main Street



Commons North Woodland Walk



**Making YOUR suggestions that you think would help our performance during 2013. Please drop a note into the Tidy Town's office or send email to [info@lanesborotourism.ie](mailto:info@lanesborotourism.ie)**



## How did Lanesborough do in 2012 compared with 2011?

The total marks awarded in each of the judging categories for 2011 and 2012 is outlined in the Table.. With your help and support Lanesborough improved by 10 marks during 2012. This represented the highest percentage improvement in Co Longford during 2012. For this improvement, Lanesborough was awarded the Endeavour Award for Co Longford and a cheque for 500 euros.

Category	Total Marks Available	Marks 2011	Marks 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	26	30
Built Environment	50	27	27
Landscaping	50	24	24
Wildlife/Natural Amenities	50	19	23
Litter Control	50	24	24
Tidiness	30	13	14
Waste Minimisation	20	6	6
Residential Areas	40	33	33
Roads, Streets, Back Areas	50	24	24
General Impression	10	6	7
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>212</b>

## How does Lanesborough compare in 2012

Lanesborough	212 marks
Edgeworthstown	224 marks
Granard	210 marks
Drumlish	274 marks
Ballyleague	231 marks

## How can you help?

The success of the Tidy Towns competition is only possible with **your** continued help and support

You can continue to support our activities by

- ❖ Volunteering to become involved in our organized "Clean up" evenings
- ❖ Ask a few neighbours to join you in doing a job in your estate or on your road
- ❖ Supporting our weekly lottery draw, 2e per ticket. This is the committee's primary source of income and without the lottery, this programme of works would not be possible.



## Welcome to new Tidy Towns Website.

The committee has launched its new website as part of the [www.loughree.ie](http://www.loughree.ie) website. Enter the url [www.loughree.ie](http://www.loughree.ie) and click on Lanesborough Tidy Towns. The web page will keep you up to date on the work programme, how you can help out with the work and access information on recycling, biodiversity and sustainability.



## Helping Lanesborough to become greener

Green Home was developed as a framework to support and advise householders on ways to **save money** on their household bills while **protecting the environment**. The programme focuses on the themes of waste, energy, water and transport and extends the Green-Schools message beyond the school gates into the wider community. The Green Home programme can be undertaken by an individual householder or as part of a group. Work Programme for 2013.

Getting involved in the Green Home programme couldn't be easier. Using the **Green Home Themes** tab at the top of the page, you can access the most current and up to date tips, advice and action plans on ways to prevent and reduce waste and energy use in the home, conserve water and find out about sustainable travel options.

## Tidy Towns Programme of Works up to 01 June 2013

With your help, the following programme of works is planned for 2013. The emphasis of the plan is to identify initiatives under each of the judging categories and to have this work completed before mid May, with judging expected in early June.

### ❖ Main Street Area

- Painting of Bridge railings and ESB poles. This has been completed with the kind assistance of Lanesborough Development Coop and Ballyleague Tidy Towns committee.
- Removal of weeds and power washing of footpaths
- Painting of Derelict buildings
- Planting of planter boxes/litter bins and hanging baskets (planterboxes were planted with daffodils for early spring colour and are currently being planted with summer flowering plants)
- Daily litter patrols
- Painting of road signs, gates, railings and walls

### ❖ Approach Roads

- Landscaping ( Ballymahon road has been tree lined with native species to Tullyvrane crossroads)
- Stone planter boxes have been built and planted under the town signs on each road.
- Cutting of ditches/levelling of grass verges/ plastering of walls/painting of gates and fences
- Spray painting of all ESB poles with black paint(similar finish to ESB poles on Main Street)
- Washing of Road Signs

### ❖ Wildlife/Natural Amenities

- Opening of the Pound Bog Walk
- Installation of 20 bird boxes and 4 bird feeding tables to encourage wildlife.

### ❖ General

- Increased volunteer involvement in weekly clean ups and daily litter patrols
- Involvement of local schools in the works programme
- Launch of a Tidy Towns web site took place in Feb 2013, keeping you up to date on the works programme
- Waste minimization seminar for the local community
- Development of a Composting facility for the Tidy Towns work.
- Installation of Rainwater harvesting facility at St Mary's parish hall and the Fire Station. The rain water will be collected from the roofs of these buildings and will be used for watering the summer planter boxes and flowering baskets.



**Join us on our An Taisce National Clean up on Saturday 18 May. Meet at St Mary's hall from 10 to 12 am and from 6 to 8 pm. Your help will make a huge difference.**