

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILNALECK**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	8
Residential Areas	30	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>135</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is good to see Kilnaleck in here for the second year again. Unfortunately last year's advice that you produce a plan, present it to your community and follow it closely does not appear to have materialised. Although some elements of your approach are excellent, significant gaps remain which will mitigate against you doing well in the competition.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a new category and one of which perhaps Kilnaleck could pick up some further marks in years to come. Approach your local wildlife enthusiasts and encourage them to give you a number of ideas that you might work on. Perhaps some of the derelict areas of the town might be turned into wild grass areas and managed as such or as natural habitats for some flora and fauna.

### **LANDSCAPING**

This has been your strongest point to date. Landscaping at the Fair Green is excellent as is the work on the housing estate. This combined with the private property owners hanging baskets and window boxes have resulted in a definite improvement in the town's image.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The fountain was a very attractive feature noted this year, but unfortunately a number of premises mitigate against you doing well in this section. The area in front of the I.T. Community Offices was very badly presented, the Handball Club is also poor, as is the old school beside the Catholic Church. Buildings such as these will forever be held against you until such time as some proper approach is made to them. On the other hand, Briodys shop and a number of others impressed greatly.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter generally speaking on the day of adjudication was not a problem and for this for this you are to be congratulated.

### **TIDINESS**

As is apparent throughout the report the overall image of Kilnaleck leaves much to be desired and under the tidiness aspect you have not scored greatly.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Terraced housing on Cross Keys Road and that on the Newcastle Road were both particularly impressive and the houses here are to be congratulated. A number of private gardens were presented in excellent state, notably the flower house, (remarked upon in last years adjudication).

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Road resurfacing was taking place on the outskirts of the town on the day on adjudication. Would that this would continue throughout the town and the pavements etc. improved. Back areas are also letting you down. Having established the Fair Green as an attractive amenity within the town you should now address the rear of the buildings as you come down the hill from the Fair Green and see what can be done about harmonising them with the good work you have done to date. The welcome signs have fallen into disrepair on all of the approach roads and the official County Council signs are obscured by high grasses. This sort of detail must be dealt with. If you cannot afford to replace the Kilnaleck welcome signs, simply remove them as they look dreadful at present.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Clearly your Tidy Towns Committee have strengths in terms of flower planting and landscaping. These strengths must be extended into an enthusiasm throughout the community for the Tidy Towns movement. Make a plan and present it to your community for endorsement. If they believe in the plan they will help you achieve it. Good luck with the future.