

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDYSART**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	168

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning entry form. You do not state if you are working to a three or five year plan. If not, it is imperative that you do so. Many of the suggestions made last year have resulted in good progress and you should continue with such developments. You are fortunate in having a FÁS scheme and this presents you with an opportunity to plan and implement phased development.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great scope to promote and popularise wildlife, especially in the Quay area where wildlife is in abundance. There are now valuable marks to be gained under this new heading. You might consider promoting a "wildlife" week locally and involve the schools, which could list species of wildlife. You might also consider erecting a wildlife display map at the Quay area.

LANDSCAPING

The extra tree planting and the many small flower displays are commendable. The tree planting on the square will further enhance with the passing of time. Unfortunately, you have many uncared for small areas that have potential for attractive landscaping. The work of recent years on the Ennis approach with tree planting and flower bed development is being spoiled by the absence of weed spraying in May. The many attractive flower displays on commercial buildings in particular is praiseworthy, together with well presented flower tubs in the square.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

For the most part public buildings look well and are well presented. The National School has improved since recently painted. The Vocational School has a problem with its timber door and windows. This school also needs a name plaque or sign. The Garda Station is attractive and well presented.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good and few pockets of litter could be seen on adjudication day. The litter bins are well located.

TIDINESS

Despite the good litter control there are numerous pockets of areas most untidy. Some corrugated roofs need painting and many houses in the village centre would benefit from painting. The Shannon Development estate are well presented. The area leading to the Quay is still disappointing - the abandoned white car should be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, houses are well presented. Some old houses are undergoing restoration which is good to witness. Houses and gardens on the approach roads are well presented. The terrace of houses opposite the Vocational School is excellent with plenty of colour. Builders of houses should be encouraged to finish well and remove all unwanted rubble from sites when finished.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This is now an important section in the competition and attention should be given to side and back entrances. Throughout the village you have numerous areas that need attention and should be tackled over a period.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have made good progress since last year. However, you seem to be lacking in working to an agreed plan. The FÁS scheme should be paying greater attention to detail and in particular the Ennis approach road should be improved. The development of flower beds will only enhance if they are going to be kept to a high standard. If you do not have an agreed plan, consider contacting the Shannon Development and Clare County Council for assistance and advice. Good luck for 1997.