

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLIMER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting completed entry form and listing proposed developments for 1996. It is acceptable that your developments be phased over a five year period. You have progressed since last year and some of last year's suggestions have been implemented. Keep up the good work and you will soon move into a higher league in the competition. It is accepted that some of the requirements in improving the village are beyond the scope of a Tidy Towns Committee but you will need to try and influence others to take action.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category that should benefit Killimer in view of your location on the Shannon Estuary. Try and promote wildlife among the community and if you are planting shrubs plant a species that will give feeding to wildlife - especially in winter time. For advice contact your local I.W.C. Officer.

LANDSCAPING

The development at the Colleen Bawn Monument is excellent and illustrates what can be done. Indeed, you have numerous spaces around the village that could be developed and would enhance overall. However, don't engage in extra developments unless you are satisfied you can maintain them to a high standard. The many shrubs planted years ago now need improved presentation. You have a problem with road surface which can only be tackled by the appropriate agencies or individuals.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your principal buildings are at the ferry and these are very well presented. Offices, Craft Shop, and restaurant are all attractively presented. The pub beside the telephone kiosk is good and seems to have removed unsightly signs. Its environs are also well kept. Part of the Texaco Station forecourt could be improved and the large white house beside it, though much improved needs some landscaping outside the new stone wall to present it to good effect.

LITTER CONTROL

You do not seem to have a problem with litter, which was well controlled. The ferry area in particular was impressive and well disciplined.

TIDINESS

The many uncared for areas and the poor approach roads and road verges combine to make much of the village untidy in appearance, despite the development work since last year. Tidiness extends to public and private property and includes presentation of street, side streets and back areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate (it should be identified) in the Kilrush approach is even better than last year. This is the standard that the rest of the village should emulate. Housing in general is good, but some need improved finishing.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This is one of your weakest areas and many farm entrances could with little effort be improved. The competition now recognises the importance of side and back areas and marks are awarded accordingly. Please refer to 1995 report re same.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has improved since last year and you seem to be approaching developments in the correct way. The student Social Employment Scheme is commendable - make sure you plan an appropriate work plan for the students so that their contribution is meaningful. Keep to your plan and good luck for '97.