

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMACRENAN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	30
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	181

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The committee are to be congratulated on their decision to enter the competition again this year. Problems undoubtedly exist, but now that the village is included in a renewal scheme, hopefully these can be overcome and a fresh impetus be given to the Tidy Towns effort by all the community. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire/work programme and for the excellent map.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The development of the banks at the Lennon and Lurgy rivers should be considered in the future to enhance the habitats of wildlife in the Kilmacrennan catchment, a nature trail could be considered in the future.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting at the graveyard and the school is very good. However, the grass area where the trees are planted at the school needs attention. There are lovely flower boxes at the school. The tree planting at the Church of Ireland is commendable. There is a very nice display of tree planting on the right hand side of the Letterkenny approach. The entrance to Rosemount Estate is lovely with its flower beds and stone walls. There are many fine displays of flower tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes throughout the village which are a credit to all concerned.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the public buildings are presented to an extremely high standard. The Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland are excellent. The Garda Station looks well. The school with its floral displays is worthy of comment and the Health Centre also looked well. The Village Tavern had a bright and colourful appearance. Gas cylinders are still visible outside Gormans shop. Duffys Tea Room's simple presentation is commendable (as last year). The Anglers Haven is nicely painted and the Hilltop Restaurant also looked well. Laffertys is a fine building. As the Committee are well aware there are a number of derelict buildings and untidy sites throughout the village particularly in the vicinity of the Main Street. You have a problem, however, perseverance is the key. The village renewal scheme might entice the owners of these properties to improve their premises and help the committee in its Tidy Towns endeavours. Lurgy Vale Thatched Cottage is a great asset to the Creeslough approach.

LITTER CONTROL

Kilmacrennan was relatively free of litter on adjudication day. Residual litter was noticeable on the Letterkenny approach, Churchill approach and Milford approach. Flyposting was very visible on telegraph poles in the village. It is noted that the Committee are seeking more litter bins.

TIDINESS

Kilmacrennan presented a very neat and tidy appearance on adjudication day. The display of window boxes, flower tubs, hanging baskets and stone walls contribute a lot in the overall appearance of the village. Weed control and grass growing should be eliminated on footpaths.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Rosemount Estate looked very well, particularly with its nice entrance, flower beds, stone walls, green area and seating. Many of the houses are extremely well presented with brightly painted houses, lovely floral displays and boundary walls are an example for others to follow. It is hoped that road surfacing and footpaths can be improved under the village renewal scheme. Many of the private houses

both in the village and on the approaches have extremely high standards of presentation, tree planting and floral displays.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the approach roads were all extremely well presented. All verges and hedges had been nicely trimmed and apart from litter the roads are a credit to the efforts of the Committee. The white washed walls on the approaches from Milford, Churchill and Letterkenny are also very attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmacrennan has the potential to achieve high marks in the competition. There is certainly a problem regarding dereliction. Having a good committee and endeavouring to overcome this and the developments which have happened to date indicate a bright future. Keep up the good work.