

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLESTER**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	158

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed form and map which we were delighted to receive and it proved very useful to the adjudicators on the day of their visit. As suggested last year we would encourage the committee to undertake the drafting of a 3/5 year plan and the formation of sub-committees, thus achieving a much more balanced and constructive approach.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Provisions for wildlife and natural amenities are often overlooked in urban areas and in many cases are depleting. It is, therefore, of crucial importance to the continued survival of wildlife and natural amenities that these be identified, protected and where appropriate developed. The committee could perhaps dedicate a sub-committee to the task of identifying the different types of wildlife living in the area. This is also an ideal opportunity for school children to become involved and interested in the maintenance of Killester.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped area on Collins Avenue East leading into Middle Third is very attractive, with many different shrub varieties present. However much concealed litter and weeds were evident. The planted trees are a wonderful addition to streetscapes and residential areas. Small border flowers planted at the base of such trees could also serve to enhance these efforts. The grounds of St Peters College contain attractive rose beds. However, the grass needs to be cut more frequently and weeds controlled more vigilantly. Concrete triangular areas on Middle Third could perhaps be targeted for attention next year. The planted trees on one of these areas are attractive and could be complemented by the addition of flower tubs or seating. The black and amber posts require repair and repainting. The committee might also consider placing flower tubs at strategic points along the Howth Road especially at junction medians. These are high-profile locations and may bring much publicity and increased awareness to your campaign.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again this year the presentation of businesses along the Howth Road was of a high standard. The addition of many similar by styled window boxes bring a welcome splash of colour to the various Shop fronts. The village centre, the Beachcomber Pub, India House, Mastercare, McCabes Pharmacy, Irish Life and National Irish Bank stood out as being particularly well-cared for. The florist on Dunservick Road was attractive and colourful, pity about the abundance of litter in the area adjacent to the shop. The premises from the newsagents to Yvonne's Fruit & Veg Shop looked well. The premises opposite Clanawley Road entrance require a face-lift. The committee should encourage these businesses to hang flower baskets about the premises or introduce a common painting colour scheme. Over dependence on plastic signage should be discouraged. Sections of the Dart Station have been newly painted and look very well.

LITTER CONTROL

The shops and car parking area opposite the entrance to Clanawley Road are relatively litter free as are the car parking areas adjoining the shopping area on Howth Road. Certain sections of the Howth Road on the kerbside have attracted much litter which needs to be addressed. Elements of concealed litter are evident in the undergrowth of the Dart Station grounds. Most of the residential areas should be commended for their tight control of this problem.

TIDINESS

Most businesses and residential areas were tidy and well kept. Graffiti was present on some of the public

telephone boxes, the boundary walls of the Dart Station and at St Peters School on Collins Avenue East. The grounds of the ESB Sub-station are rather unsightly with overgrown weeds. Railings could also be painted. More attention to the presence of weeds by kerbsides and pavement edges would yield some very positive results.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Middle Third was in general well presented as was Dunluce Road. The added feature of trees along Dunseverick Road, Dunluce Road and Castle Avenue look very attractive. However, do not overlook the more tedious task of controlling weed growth. The entrance to Castle Avenue requires a litter bin to cope with the level of litter present. The green in Demesne was well-kept and tidy. The standard of presentation at Clanawley Road was varied. Again weeds were present along the pavement. The houses and gardens along Collins Avenue East from Howth Road to Clonmoyle Road were, in general, tidy and well kept.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The heavy traffic on both Howth Road and Collins Avenue East make the task of maintenance and upkeep more difficult but the curbing of litter and weeds are important. Weeds along the wall to the rear of shops opposite Clanawley Road need to be removed. The back area between Irish Life and the Beachcomber is untidy and weeds are again present in abundance. Between Bank of Ireland and Lynch's the area is well kept and litter free.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The committee have worked well to bring a number of improvements in Killester to fruition. Some areas have been overlooked by the committee such as wildlife and natural amenities. The drafting of a strategic plan should provide the framework for a more balanced development in Killester. Attention to litter, graffiti and weeds removal will also improve Killester's overall standing. Again, congratulations on the achievements to date and we look forward to our visit next year.