

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMEAD**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map which was helpful during the course of adjudication. You have an excellent developmental approach; the adjudicators were very impressed with the presentation this year, where there is a marked improvement this. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of your detailed three to five year work programme for next years competition. The development of a traffic calming measure on the Main Road would be a help to the village. The adjudicators look forward to additional innovative projects similar to the name plates with symbols depicting life in the area on approaches. Well done in this regard.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to see that there is little use of weed killers throughout the village. Congratulations on the planting of 80 new trees, this will bring considerable improvement in years to come. There is potential for more nature conservation, a good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what type of birds, animals and fish etc. these attract. You could invite local environmental experts and groups to advise you and provide you with specialist information you require.

### LANDSCAPING

There was an excellent presentation under this category this year; congratulations on the efforts of those involved. The new stone wall at the flower bed under the tree opposite the Church was a very nice feature with the flowers looking excellent at time of adjudication. At the tennis court, the area needs more attention with fencing broken and some weeds in evidence - perhaps planting of trees might take place in front of the tennis court if possible, or a similar project to enhance this area. The approach to the graveyard was also very well presented as were the grassed areas in the residential areas. The adjudicators also noted the improvements with landscaping on the approaches.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment was quite good this year. At Talbot Oil, while improvements were noted, the forecourt area continues to need more attention. Kellys was very well presented at time of adjudication, freshly painted and good presentation of flowers. At ESSE, the brown sheeting to the left hand side could be painted as it takes from the overall appearance. Within the church, the grounds were beautifully maintained and presented, congratulations to those involved. Perhaps the church (at least the front of it) would have benefited from painting. The perimeter wall of the school would have benefited from white washing again, but the school and its grounds were beautifully presented. Overall, a good presentation.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good. Unfortunately, litter was noted at one or two areas, which took, from the overall appearance. Very small sprinklings were noted at the telephone kiosk, but wasn't too bad. Some cans were noted on the road leading up towards the Church, but again, very few. Some litter was evident at the entrance into a field opposite St. Itas Park and along this road leading up to the church in parts. Perhaps you might put some litter bins along this road to help alleviate the problem; otherwise there was a very neat and tidy appearance.

### TIDINESS

As mentioned above, the adjudicators noted that there was a very neat and tidy appearance in the village this year, apart from small sprinklings of litter. The telephone kiosk was freshly painted. The attention to detail is very good, it was even nice to see that the fences had been painted. The removal of weeds, (other than through sprays), is commendable as it gave a very neat and tidy appearance.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicators noted an excellent improvement in this section this year, congratulations. St. Itas Park had a fantastic presentation in planting, well done. Excellent individual efforts were noted throughout, including, 1475. It was nice to see that the grass had been edged also. New Line Grove is a major improvement, congratulations, with tree planting noted. A new flower bed also was looking well at time of adjudication and no litter was in evidence. Only one point that the adjudicators could suggest would be that some of the fencing could be painted up. Also, some weeds were noted by kerbs in some areas. With regard to the treatment plant, you might consider putting climber plants at the fencing of this. The adjudicators also noted other good individual efforts in the Park, for example, 1503. The wall at the house next to ESSE needed to be cleaned at time of adjudication. Overall, a very good presentation here this year.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There was an excellent presentation noted this year. On the main Athy/Kilcullen Road, great improvements have been noted with your new bilingual stone name plates, well done - it is nice to see the symbols depicting life in the area which is an excellent touch. On the Athy approach, the hedge on the right hand side had been neatly cut with new stone flower bed noted. It is very positive to note tree planting also. On the Kilcullen approach road, tree planting was also noted, which was an improvement. The road leading up to the Church, had a good presentation, very clean, neat and tidy, apart from some cans noted; the trees are also coming on very well. The comments about your junction were noted and good luck in this regard. The approach from the road leading up to the school could perhaps be improved - better effort is needed here. The trees topped/trimmed on the road between ESSE and St. Itas create a very neat and tidy appearance.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of the adjudicators was that very good work has been achieved by the committee in the past year. Congratulations on your attention to detail, for example, painting of white fencing at the fields adjacent to the graveyard. Your planting is excellent. A lot of work has been done on the approach roads and you have a village that all the committee can be proud of, as well as the residents. The adjudicators look forward to a number of innovative projects within your five year work programme to be submitted next year. Good luck in 1997.