

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMEAGUE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	9
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	148

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire. The adjudicators recognise that you have limited resources. The problem of stretches of potholes was noted - it really does take from the overall appearance and you are going to continually have to work on it until it is resolved. Good luck for next year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to get the children involved in wildlife projects in the surrounding area. There is potential for greater 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

In general, proper kerbing and landscaping is needed in a number of areas, especially opposite Mullaney's. The Catholic Church grounds were very well presented, well done, as were the cemetery grounds. Good planting was noted by the telephone kiosk and also opposite Moores. The front of the park was a nice presentation, congratulations to those involved in the efforts here. The hill was well presented. Opposite the front of the park, tree planting was noted coming on well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Several premises needed considerable upgrading here, particularly the Eastern Health Board and the area around the butchers. The hall was very badly presented also, out near the Catholic Church. Moores was well presented, well done. The front of the park is very well maintained. Both Churches were well presented, as was the Petrol Station. Some derelict premises on the hill were noted - perhaps you might try to have these painted. Mullaney's was painted at time of adjudication. The Eastern Health Board doesn't seem to be as last year. Try to paint the perimeter wall at the school and, unfortunately, the pre-fab building continues to be an eyesore here.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was evident in Oaklawn, regrettably - litter bins might help in trying to alleviate this problem. Sprinklings of litter were also noted between Gleasons and Mullaney's, but was not too bad. Please remain vigilant and try to include the school children here in any education programmes.

TIDINESS

A number of areas which detract from the tidiness include the telephone kiosk which would benefit from painting. It would be nice if the broken light by the Eastern Health Board could be replaced. Resurfacing, which is the biggest problem, takes from the overall appearance. A nice stone wall on the hill which is hidden by ivy, perhaps you might work on this for next year. Generally, the hill side street was very tidy, and well presented. Some signs also need to be painted up, e.g. the Prosperous sign - try to work on this as well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

An excellent effort was noted with the premises on the corner. At the entrance to Oaklawn, grass was very much overgrown and particularly bad at the sign itself. Litter was also evident. Grass could have been neater within the park also. The Slow Caution sign needs to be replaced. Good effort was noted with the first premises, i.e. a white house on the right hand side for its use of baskets. A very good effort was noted with the premises between Oaklawn and the front of the park. The front of the park itself was

very well presented. Some very good efforts were noted also at the houses at the junction with Allenwood.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A good initial impression was created on the back road from Robertstown with a good presentation of the green on the right hand side and painting of kerbing. Well done. It was nice to see new signs also. On the left hand side, attention had been given to cutting of the verge. On the approach road from Prosperous, the left hand side could have been much better this year with sporadic efforts noted by residents on the right hand side. Approaching Kilmeague from Naas, verges had been cut, which was good to see. The hill side street was very neat and tidy, but the other road is particularly bad.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmeague is a very small village and one or two projects might be undertaken to try and improve, and make a big difference. Obviously, the landscaping is one of the key areas that is needed opposite Mullaney's - until that takes place, it really is going to take from the overall appearance. There seems to be an uneven balance in terms of some of the efforts locally, but it is quite obvious that the County Council should be approached particularly in relation to the approach roads. Try to improve the plastic plant containers at the junction also.