

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILLESHIN**  
County : **LAOIS**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	33
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>161</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Local support appears to be good, judging by the answers to the questionnaire. It is remarkable to receive assistance from two Local Authorities, as well as from the FAS employment training scheme. Because Killeshin covers such a wide area, the terms of the Tidy Towns Competition may not be appropriate to it and indeed may be unfair to the local enterprise involved. The fact is, Killeshin is not really a town or village as designated in this competition - there is little geographical village 'feeling', though there is certainly a strong community feeling, and perhaps it would be more suitable to use the term 'Parish' rather than 'Town' or 'Village'.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is one of the few entries in the county where there is an appreciable contribution under this heading. The walkways are especially interesting (though a greater number of signs would be of help to the visitor) and initial developments at the Waterworks and in that neighbourhood, in general, bode well for the future. Existing hawthorn hedges and indigenous trees have been treated with respect and this should continue to be the policy - do resist any pressures to suburbanise. The ancient ruined church with its remarkable Romanesque doorway and tranquil graveyard should perhaps be mentioned here rather than under the Built Environment; it is a splendid site, full of atmosphere; on adjudication day there was much weed growth in the approach precinct, and this was a pity. It is well signposted and it was good to find wheelchair access.

### LANDSCAPING

The glory of Uisean Park is its view over several counties. This amenity was favourably commented upon last year but it would be entirely premature to enter it for the national award as there is a great deal more work to be done, particularly in planting; the cement block kerb on the lower side of the car park detracts from the pleasing effect of the stone kerb on the upper. Fencing is excellent, as are the wooden tables. It would also be premature to enter the Waterworks amenity. The school gardens are very pleasing indeed.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church on its eminence is an exciting architectural landmark and is well maintained. The school, hall, pub and shop are also well kept. (The latter two not being entered for the national competition, for although they are spruce in appearance they are otherwise unremarkable.)

### LITTER CONTROL

There was appreciable litter outside the hall but otherwise the locality was virtually litter free.

### TIDINESS

Weeds could have been removed from the area around the hall.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses on the main road and in outlying areas are generally well kept, many with good stone walls, fences or hedges.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are reasonable. Verges opposite the school are ill kept, and fencing dilapidated here. The approach road from Carlow was trim.

**GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Not so much a village as a scenic and historic area, full of interest and character.