

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILKEERAN**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	31
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The development strategy for the village focuses on the key areas which require attention, but some more planning is necessary to develop these amenities to their full potential.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The lakeshore area is the main amenity in the town and your cleanup of the shoreline of the lake is an excellent effort. Your decision to retain the natural landscape character is commended. With this in mind you could consider removing the coniferous forestry trees over time and replacing them with native broadleaf species. Any developments in this area should be carefully planned.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a good standard of new landscape and planting through the village. The displays of summer bedding in and around the houses were particularly noted. It would be good to introduce some broadleaf trees in and around the village over time.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Almost all of the houses in the village were presented to a very high standard. The restoration of the Abbey is a very impressive achievement and is to be commended. An information sign at this location would be most useful. The spring well area could be further developed as an amenity area. Some of the sheds in the village and alongside the lake are in need of white-washing.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was virtually no litter visible in the Village on adjudication day - well done !

### **TIDINESS**

The village is very well kept, with the exception of a yard about way through the village. The area down by the lake is a bit haphazard in its layout and should be looked at.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential areas were presented to a high standard. Almost all of the houses were painted, had summer bedding displays and were maintained to a very high standard. You could consider some longer term planting in these areas which would greatly enhance the village over time, but a very good effort - well done.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The north road is very attractive and well presented. Unfortunately the margins were not mown from the attractive sign which you have placed at the entrance into the village. The roads through the village were well maintained with edges mown and attractive displays of summer bedding. Some of the old stone walls have been rebuilt, which is commendable as these walls are one of the best features of the village. You should try to get the renovation of stone walls extended to the other walls in need of repair.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You are making great progress, and as you have now reached a high standard in the competition some consideration needs to be given to planning the lakeside area and creating a structure of trees for the village, in conjunction with other improvements. The maintenance and enhancement of the village seems

to have the full support of the entire community - keep up the good work !