

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMESSAN**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 33           |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 17           |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 25           |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 28           |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 27           |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 13           |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 19           |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 28           |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6            |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>196</b>   |

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your questionnaire and map were very helpful to the adjudicator on his visit. Kilmessan was once again looking very well and the Committee should be congratulated for all their work. For next year you will be required to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan which will outline your objectives for this period. The contents of this plan will be part of the marking system so the ideal thing to do is to outline 2/3 projects for each year which are both realistic and achievable and set these out in a brief plan.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts or involve the school children to provide you with the specialist information you may require. Two natural areas for a project like this to take place would be along the banks of the River Skane or in the wooded grounds of the Hotel.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been located should be commended. The car park at the school was very neatly landscaped and very well presented. The junction on the Tara/Dublin road was also very well presented and the new hedgerow planting opposite Thornes Pub and on the Kiltale Road was also noted but will take some time to mature.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The majority of the business premises were looking exceptionally well with their traditional signage and the nice display of hanging baskets. Premises which stand out included Centra, F.P. Maguires, Mulvays and Thornes pub. The Garda Station and Credit Union were also beautifully presented and praise should be given here. Improvements could be made to the frontage of the Top Tedcastle Garage with its old unused petrol pumps. The church and school are also worthy of praise in the presentation of the buildings and grounds.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general was very good in and around the village with one or two minor exceptions. Litter bins were available and appeared well maintained.

### **TIDINESS**

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness with litter and weed control well taken care of.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The small housing estate of Bridge View was very well presented and everyone concerned should be congratulated. Other residential properties in and around the village were also well presented with the majority displaying colourful collections of flowers in window boxes and hanging baskets. Residents should be commended for their efforts this year.

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

You certainly have done some work on your approach roads. All of the name signs are now visible and the grass verges and hedgerows were neatly cut. Approaching from Bective is by far the most impressive. The Kiltale approach has a derelict site but it was noted that planning permission is pending

for new houses here.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator was very impressed with the overall presentation of the village and all concerned should be congratulated. Well done and good luck.