

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTALE**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	170

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kiltale is a nice rural village which has a lot of potential within the competition. The map and questionnaire were extremely helpful. As part of next years competition you will be required to accompany your application with a 3/5 year work programme/plan outlining what work you would intend to undertake for this period. I would suggest you pick 2 to 3 projects maybe small ones which are realistic and achievable for each year as these are the ones which will yield results.

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 and bird these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you will require. Alternatively you could involve the school children on this project.

LANDSCAPING

The school and church grounds were once again very well presented. The tree planting by Teagasc all along the approach road was coming along nicely. Areas where improvements could be made include the flower pots at the derelict property, the community hall and the bus stop which were all in very bad shape. The addition of the planned new flower bed will be a welcome and will hopefully brighten up that area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Campus Garage and Kiltale Stores were well presented with colourful hanging baskets displayed at the shop. The Garage owners should be encouraged to replace the flowers to the front. The school and church were looking well on the day of inspection. The Credit Union was clean and tidy except for quite a number of weeds growing in the grounds. The new Club House of the GAA pitch was nearing completion and Im sure will be a welcome addition.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general was very good with no litter visible. The Committee should be congratulated on their control of litter.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village in general was neat and tidy. Weeds however are a problem and could be found at the Credit Union and to the front of the school. The green area on the Trim side was completely overgrown, this is an ideal location for a picnic area or landscaped amenity area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential premises in and around the village were impeccable in their presentations, everyone should be congratulated. Other residential properties in the village are well presented with one or two very minor exceptions.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the village approach roads had improved slightly on last year with the verges on the Trim and Dublin Roads having been recently cut. This is an area where the Committee should keep concentrating as first impressions are important. Most of the back areas were all clean and tidy; however, what appeared to be the back of the shop had some old debris which could be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your Committee has once again made steady progress but there are still one or two areas which I highlighted earlier that more attention could be given to. Congratulations and well done.