

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLOSCULLY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	163

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Killoscully is one of those gems of villages that are often missed out by the public. Its location alone, nestled in under Keeper Hill, in a very scenic part of NR Tipperary makes it unique. The first thing that strikes one on reading the entry submission is the size of the committee for a place so small. Often there are reservations about large committees being too unwieldy but in this case that adage does not hold true. The application form and excellent map were put together with great diligence on the part of the committee - a credit to everybody involved. The committee, judging by what has been included in the submission and more importantly by what has been practically achieved on the ground, has succeeded in harnessing the support of all the local organisations and also of proactively forging excellent links with the Local Authority and other Agencies. This an excellent example of the development process in action.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Unlike many entrants Killoscully Committee saw fit to make some practical suggestions under this heading. There are so many excellent catalysts for a nature/wildlife amenity project that it is hard to suggest. There are natural trails on the mass paths and on the riverbank. I think the main thing that the committee has to do is try and encapsulate the objective of this particular section into one project namely : to protect, enhance and increase the wildlife value of your community. No doubt nature conservation will play a big part in future plans for the village.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping undertaken was excellent, the shrub/ flower beds set in stone were excellent, blending in the nature of the village. Both the rockeries at the Church and the Wall at the entrance to the mass paths were delightful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All premises in the village without exception were extremely well presented , all having been painted to blend it with the surroundings. The Church and graveyard were in superb condition a credit to those responsible for their upkeep. Ryans Pub was also at its best as was the local PO and the local community hall. The striking thing about Killoscully was how every thing gelled, private dwellings and farm buildings combining with business premises set off against beautiful cut stone walls with excellent planting arrangements. The Carpark was freshly covered in gravel and the old pump looks like it got a new lease of life.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was totally free of litter, admittedly it is very small, with a number of nicely painted bins placed around. Suffice to say that Killoscully leads by example.

TIDINESS

The village was superbly neat and tidy, houses as stated painted, weed control was excellent and the footpaths had been newly restored.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The village is the main residential area and in that context it was excellent with any open spaces well presented. People in this village have taken it upon themselves to make a major contribution to its present standing by the manner in which they look after their own property.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were in very good shape. From the Nenagh direction the road is tree lined and the margins were cut back. The road from Newport was also excellent. The County Council had obviously cut back the margins to acceptable levels.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killoscully is one of the smallest villages in the competition, maybe a hamlet as it was referred to in the entry form is a better description. Being so small probably means that it is easy to manage, that is quite true but it needs the co-operation of every organisation and individual in the parish to attain the standard that has been achieved in the two years since it entered the competition. The way that this committee has encouraged community spirit and fostered and developed good relations with the Local Authority and other Agencies has to be admired and praised because often rural communities are a little bit cautious of change. Killoscully accepted the challenge of change and have benefited from being progressive whilst still retaining its originality and its traditions. A very good job of work.