

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILTEGAN**  
County : **WICKLOW**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map which was helpful during the course of adjudication. Continued improvements are noted throughout the village this year and the adjudicators look forward to the submission of your five-year work programme. In this programme, try to work on the improvements mentioned in the report. The development of a wildlife garden at the new school would be very good and would help encourage children to create awareness of wildlife. The problems of derelict buildings is one that must be addressed in this long term plan. It is an attractive estate village, complemented by good efforts.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to avoid the use of weed killers along edges where possible. Tree planting was noted at the entrance to Beechlawn B&B, well done. Overall, there are some hidden features in Kiltegan which could be sympathetically developed in the promotion of wildlife. There is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish etc. these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require. Also, are there any features that could be developed within Humewood Estate?

### LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. It is important that these are properly maintained - there is good evidence that you are ensuring this. The flower tubs around the town are very attractive, well done. The newly built stone wall opposite Harmons Garage was noted, well done, this is an improvement. The village green was very well presented. Shrubbery was also noted again this year opposite the telephone kiosk. You have a good variety of planting in place. The approach roads were also quite good. The pump area was okay. Overall, quite a good performance in this section.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is room for improvements in this area and it is noted that the comments in previous reports are not being followed up in this regard, particularly in relation to painting. Katie Lowes and Briscos would both benefit from painting. These two premises lack in effort here and take from the overall appearance. Marys Mini Market was well presented, it is nice to see the old farm machinery and planting complementing the car parking area - try to watch the signage here and try to have uniform complementary litter bins. The GAA Grounds were also very well presented. The hall on the Hacketstown Road was freshly painted, well done. The new school will benefit from landscaping and would be nice, perhaps, to develop a wildlife area here. The Post Office was looking nice with roses in bloom and the Church entrance was well presented with nice signage.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a problem in Kiltegan this year. Overall, an excellent performance in this section.

### TIDINESS

There is a very neat appearance throughout Kiltegan this year. The telephone kiosk was freshly painted - this street was excellent in appearance with no negative areas noted apart from some of the buildings. Try to paint the pole at the sign on the main junction. Overall, a very good performance in this section. Well done.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Overall, good efforts were noted throughout the village this year. For example, the house at the bend on the approach road from Baltinglass had a very good effort with flowers as did the roses at the grey house near Humewood Estate which had also been freshly painted, well done, good effort here. In High Park, the presentation was okay but unfortunately there was a broken seat which lessened the nice stone wall feature. At the terrace of houses there is a mixed effort, there are some good efforts noted but others need more attention, purely through painting, for example, Kiltegan Farm House would have benefited this year from painting. The railings also need painting in a number of cases.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The adjudicators would especially like to commend the appearance of approach roads this year, which were presented to a very high standard. Watch the clippings, try to have these removed as soon as possible, as it takes from the overall appearance. On the approach road from Hacketstown, the stone wall at the bridge was very attractive. It was nice to see the name of Kiltegan in the flower bed, with cut grass and nice stone walls all along this approach. Approaching from Baltinglass, this is also an excellent presentation. Could the stream crossing underneath the road be developed as a wildlife feature? One or two broken trees were also noted. From Rathdangan was also excellent. The wall of Humewood Estate was falling down in one or two places and also the sign needed to be painted at time of adjudication. Finally, the High Park approach was also well presented. Overall, these areas were of a high standard this year.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicators had a very good impression of Kiltegan this year under most categories; it is evident that there is a very good effort being made by the majority of people in the town from commercial to residents. One area that was weak this year was the presentation of buildings and try to work on this for the coming year. The adjudicators look forward to their visit and wish the committee every success in developing new proposals over the coming years.