

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDYSART**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	168

Kildysart, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning entry form complete with maps of village. It is good to learn that you are working towards the production of a 3-5 year development plan. You have a very large area to cover, in relation to the population and much of the work carried out in recent years is now badly in need of improved maintenance. You have a very large quay area that seems to be underused and has a great deal of unfinished development in terms of landscaping etc. The FAS scheme of building stone walls seems to have ceased before completion and the stone wall leading to the quay area is unfinished and the loose stones very overgrown. Any future FAS scheme you embark upon should firstly finish the work in hand before moving to new projects.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some fine attractive buildings in Kildysart and some of them are well presented. The schools looked reasonably well presented again this year, though the National School gates and railings need painting. The grass on the church needs more regular cutting. The Garda Station is excellent and very well presented. The Shell Station is well landscaped, but the corrugated roof of the building beside is in urgent need of attention. At the Statoil Station the area beside the garage should be sprayed for weed control. The local committee should also clean the monument in the square. The A.I.B. building is attractive and would be further enhanced by some window boxes. There are some very attractive shop fronts in Kildysart and Bianconi has a superb display of flowers. Some of the older shop fronts have attractive traditional features, but many are in danger of further deterioration unless given attention soon.

LANDSCAPING

The hard work of previous years is not being maintained to a high standard. The flower planting on the Kilrush approach needs improved attention. The tree planting in the village is now maturing and will grow more attractive with the passing of time. The recent tree planting on the road leading to the Quay is in need of attention and the margin area along here is very untidy. The approach roads in general are quite overgrown and the hedge opposite the funeral parlour would only take an hour to trim and improve. You should not embark on any new landscaping projects until the existing ones are brought to a high standard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As mentioned last year you have ample opportunity in the Quay area to promote and popularise Wildlife. A school project might be well worthwhile, and seek advice from the I.W.C. and the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland.

LITTER CONTROL

The village core was almost litter free, but some litter was evident at the area near the village sign on the Ennis approach. The area around the Quay had some litter and burning of rubbish was observed at this area also.

TIDINESS

The points made last year about many corrugated roofs needing painting still holds true. Due to unfinished developments where building materials and rubble have been left around, there is an air of untidiness about. This also related to small unattended open spaces in and around the village. There are several pockets of badly kept sites on the Kilrush approach in need of a clean up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have scored well in this section and there is heartening evidence of some excellent individual effort in all housing areas. Would it be possible to have the housing estates identified by erecting bilingual plaques. The houses opposite the Vocational School are very well presented. It is also noticed that a lot of new house building is ongoing on the Kilrush approach especially; builders here should be encouraged to finish well and remove all unwanted rubble after construction.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surface is good but many margins are poorly presented. The road down to the Quay offers many unsightly views of side and rear entrances in need of improvement. Side entrances are now an important part of the competition and should receive good attention by the owners.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village core looked well, but you need to tackle the problem of the approach roads and of the many open spaces that look untidy. You also need to finish the development work started by FAS - especially the stone wall and building. When you get your development plan drafted you should then embark on a phased development policy of implementation.