

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFENORA**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	176

Kilfenora, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map which you returned with entry form proved helpful. You do not say if as yet you are working to an agreed plan. You have carried out some notable improvements since last year and this is commendable although most are of a clean up nature. The village looked well on adjudication day and many individuals are working hard to present their premises to a high standard. You have an increased number of commercial operations and many of them have improved in recent years. The Burren Centre continues to represent the hub of the village and its environs are well presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Access to the Cathedral has improved and most of the public buildings looked well. The church and school look well again this year, together with some very attractive shops. Most buildings are freshly painted and your efforts in this regard are praiseworthy. The garage continues to be a let down on this important location with thousands of visitors travelling by each year.

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well in this section and the many floral displays and neatly kept grassed areas create an air of brightness. Individually and collectively there is evidence of hard work in this respect. Your efforts in caring for stone walls and the treatment of the school wall etc., are commendable. The rose beds fronting the Burren Centre Wall are particularly attractive at this strategic location.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your approach to promoting wildlife differs from the norm. Your decision to discontinue the use of herbicides is praiseworthy. Consider a school project to further interest the concept of wildlife popularity in association with school authorities.

LITTER CONTROL

Again this year you have done well. There is no major problem with litter control, although a little was noticed on the road track down to the well and at the well itself.

TIDINESS

The many small uncared for open spaces and untidy side and back entrances are keeping your mark down in this section. The large car park area at the back of Vaughans contrasts with the front of the same premises. Other areas of untidiness result from badly kept corrugated sheds which are in need of attention. The rubble on the roadside at Maire Ruas is unacceptable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On an individual basis houses are well presented, but a campaign of co-ordination in terms of painting would benefit the village. Such a campaign should extend to boundary walls. The two houses built beside the Cathedral are a gem and reflect sensitivity to their location.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The improved road surface to the Cathedral and the surface of the back lane leading to the Lisdoonvarna road is beneficial. Could the well sign be posted now and cleaned out. Also the removal of the lorry frame would much improve this newly developed access. Even the two derelict houses at the lorry frame are interesting in their current state. However the new back lane development does reveal some untidy rear and side entrances that will need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is always a pleasure to visit Kilfenora and each year seems to bring an improvement in standards. The village was quite colourful on adjudication day and there seems to be good community spirit in keeping your standards up. You are aware of your problem areas and many of these relate to private commercial operators who will need further convincing of the importance of presenting their premises to a higher standard.