

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCROHANE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	10	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	187

Kilcrohane, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The work undertaken by this Association is most impressive, especially considering that there are only six members of the committee. Support from the community, as outlined in the answers to your questionnaire, is also impressive, as are the co-operative relationship with the County Council and the involvement with the FAS scheme. You should still prepare a 3 or 5 Year Development Plan, to identify what needs to be addressed in the long term, and to phase the improvements over the period of years chosen, rather than trying to do everything at once. This is mentioned again because of the success of such programmes elsewhere, with a consequent rise in standards. In your replies to the questionnaire, you should state which projects have been completed in the current year, as distinct from those which are in progress. The members of the Association are to be complimented for making use of some of the points made by last years adjudicator. Your map is especially neat and easy to follow.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The most eye-catching development has been the painting of the School. Improvements to the Church were also very favourably noted. Halla an Pobal was well kept. Work appeared to be starting at the Bay View Inn, and its completion will be looked forward to next year. Mahonys fine shopfront was somewhat marred by the number of untidy stickers. The Drinagh mini-market was well presented, no small feat in a busy commercial area.

LANDSCAPING

The riverside gardens looked very well. Flowers in boxes throughout the village provided charming points of colour; the window-boxes at the school, overflowing with dark blue and yellow blossoms, were among the most sensational seen anywhere this year. The variety of plant containers used at Fitzpatrick's was amusing and effective. Good hedge-clipping was seen on the Sheeps Head road. It was interesting to this adjudicator to see the mature native conifers. (Are there plans to plant young conifers? If so they should do well).

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The playground has been developed with real sensitivity. The Paddock road nearby, fringed with fuschia and montbretia, might be regarded as overgrown, but in a location like this, one does not look for suburban neatness, and the local plant species are to be encouraged. The Nature Trails which are such an inspiring feature of the peninsula are presumably part-inspired by this Association.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was reasonably free of disposable litter, and this must be an improvement on what was seen last year. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

Kerbside weed was being removed on adjudication day. Grass

cuttings should always be removed immediately after mowing. There was considerable weed along the base of fine stone wall at the Sheeps Head end of the village. The immediate entrance to the playground was surprisingly weedy, and the corner opposite quite unkempt.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses, old and new, were well kept and very well painted - the latter one of the distinguishing features of West Cork. Good terrace houses were admired on the Bantry road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are good. There is a minimum of untidy entries or back yards visible. Stone walls are particularly impressive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This adjudicator had not been in Kilcrohane for about 30 years and was greatly taken by the many improvements. It is a pleasant and lively village, and has not suffered from commercialisation.