

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDORRERY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	23	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	159	155

Kildorrey, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The committee should be complimented on the village appraisal that was submitted. The report is very comprehensive. It should give the community a focus and help them progress further in the competition. It is imperative that all groups within the community - schools, businesses and residential areas - should contribute to the implementation of the suggestions made. Once again the importance of working and consulting with the county council cannot be overstated. The submission did not specify whether any local initiatives had been undertaken i.e. school projects. Thus the adjudicator was not in a position to comment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall appearance of business premises was good. However, some buildings need to be touched up. The community should maintain a policy of traditional shop fronts in keeping with the character of the village. It should also encourage the removal of plastic/neon signs throughout the village. The use of Irish could be employed to greater effect within the business community. The church and its grounds were particularly impressive and the community hall looked well.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping work that has been undertaken is to a very high standard. Special praise is due to the work undertaken on the Fermoy road and also on the Limerick road. The picnic table on the Fermoy road is a noteworthy facility. Unfortunately, this area is not accessible to the disabled. The planted trees on the streets have a very strong positive impact on the overall appearance of the town. The merits of flower planting at the base of trees should be reviewed as some bases looked very bare in comparison with others. The painting of the concrete rim around the trees should also be avoided.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A number of positive comments and suggestions were made to the committee in last years report. Kildorrerys location allows it tremendous scope for developing some aspect of wildlife in the area. Once again it is suggested that a local wildlife expert be contacted for advice in this area. The maintenance of the hedgerows around the town was noted.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite the provision of litter bins there was still a considerable amount of litter. This was most noticeable around the residential area on the Limerick road. A litter awareness programme in the local schools could contribute to the solving of the problem.

TIDINESS

Generally the town was tidy. Shops should be encouraged to minimise the amount of street signs and gas cylinders etc., which are left on the streets. The areas around the G.A.A field and the co-op are again worthy of praise. The main streetscapes were all tidy in appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many excellent examples of residents who go to great lengths in the presentation and upkeep of their houses and gardens. Such efforts are to be commended. The high standards are particularly evident on the Limerick road. The committee should encourage other areas to follow this example. This would raise the high standard already achieved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Overall the approach roads into the town were good. Some areas of the Mallow approach road should be trimmed and tidied. As a result, the stone walls would be exposed to better effect. Significant efforts have been made in maintaining the approach roads and streets.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kildorrery is a place of immense character. It has benefited from its participation in the competition. The effort and enthusiasm shown by the community in this competition leaves the adjudicator in no doubt that the village will progress further, as long as a co-ordinated approach is sustained. The committee is wished continued success in the competition.