

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLEAGH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	26
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	174	168

Killeagh, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the submission of your development plan and the detailed map which proved very useful. It is encouraging that you are working closely with the county council and other statutory bodies. Working together and following a co-ordinated plan will benefit the community substantially. You have identified a number of achievable projects and your litter awareness programmes are having an impact on the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The problems you are experiencing with the old railway have been noted. You are encouraged to keep this on your list of priorities. Businesses in the town are generally well presented. The Old Thatch, Kennedys Bar and Tattens Bar were admired. A number of shops were nicely painted, but the effect is spoiled by over elaborate use of sticker displays in their windows. The work on the old graveyard wall is noted and will improve the appearance of the church greatly. The Roman Catholic church is an impressive structure and is well maintained. The community hall should be repainted. The school also looked well. A number of derelict houses and badly kept houses detract from the brightly painted houses throughout the village. Residences are commended for the presentation of their well painted homes.

LANDSCAPING

The effective use of window boxes and hanging baskets throughout the town adds great colour. The trees on the main street looked well and certainly enhance the streetscape. There were some good examples of planting in the village, most notably the entrance to Glenbower, Kellys Terrace and on the bridge along the Cork road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Glenbower wood is a wonderful amenity. You are complimented on the gateway and stone wall at the entrance to the woods. As suggested last year a map board identifying walking routes and the local flora, fauna and trees would be an invaluable addition. The riverside area is another excellent natural resource and should be incorporated in your development plan. It was disappointing to note large deposits of debris and a number of barrels in the river. Your plans for a nature trail are noted and the provision of riverside seating will definitely enhance the area.

LITTER CONTROL

You are complimented on your efforts in this category. There was very little in evidence throughout the village. Your litter awareness campaigns are obviously working. However, there was litter outside some shops and at the approach to the river from the Cork side of the village.

TIDINESS

Overall the village appeared tidy. The areas around St Fergals cemetery and the Roman Catholic church were particularly impressive. Please note previous comments regarding the tidiness on the river and remove the rusty barrel from the entrance to Glenbower wood.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some excellent examples of well presented houses and gardens throughout the village. The colour schemes used by the residents also add considerably to the character of the village. A number of residences were greatly admired, among them Kellys Terrace and the houses adjacent to the Garda station.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some of the grass areas on the approach roads needed to be trimmed, most notably the Cork road and the exit road by the Railway Lodge B& B. The approach roads looked tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killeagh is to be commended on the efforts it is making to improve the villages environment. There are many external factors influencing the appearance of your village, most notably the traffic problem. However, you are endeavouring to overcome these problems. You are complimented on your efforts and wished continued success.