

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILWORTH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	19
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	190

Kilworth, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting your development plan. You have identified the problem areas that require attention, most notably the derelict building sites and footpaths. To progress with this development plan, consultation with the county council and the involvement and co-operation of the other statutory bodies should continue to take place. It is also important to maintain your litter awareness programme in the local schools in view of the comments made hereafter.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Overall the presentation of buildings was good. The Market House and the Arts Centre were greatly admired. It was noted that maintenance work was being carried out on the Catholic Church. The local schools are well maintained. A number of buildings are to be commended for their work in exposing their stone fronts, most notably the building adjacent to the village square. Business premises are reasonably well presented. However, some buildings require re-painting. Encouragement should be given to refrain from using plastic shop signs. The Garda station needs to be re-painted.

LANDSCAPING

There are some fine examples of landscaping open spaces in the village. The lay-by on the Fermoy-Mitchelstown road is particularly effective. The tree planting on this road is also to be commended. The square looked very well and the use of flowers throughout the village added great colour. The flower barrels outside the Market House were admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It was disappointing to be informed that the Hawk and Owl sanctuary has been closed down. Such a unique facility was a valuable amenity to the community. Every effort should be made to re-open the sanctuary. There is also a lot of potential in other areas of wildlife management by virtue of Kilworths rural location. As mentioned previously, it is recommended that you consult a local wildlife expert and incorporate a wildlife element in your long term development plan.

LITTER CONTROL

It is encouraging to note the involvement of third level students and local primary school students in your litter control programme. You are also to be commended for your participation in the Litter Free District. Overall your approach to litter control is working. However there was litter on the approach roads and a significant amount of litter around the bench adjacent to McCarthys Filling Station.

TIDINESS

In general the village was tidy. The entrance to the G.A.A. grounds and the sports complex are to be complimented. Recommendations should be made to local businesses to avoid leaving excess signs and gas cylinders outside their premises as they detract from the overall appearance of the village and can hinder access by the disabled.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some excellent examples of well maintained houses and gardens in the village. This is a very important aspect of the competition as it allows more people to become directly involved. The new houses on the Mill road and the green area in front were greatly admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Kilworth is fortunate to possess some fine stone boundary walls. Every effort should be made to maintain these walls, as they are an impressive feature of the village. The Fermoy/Mitchelstown road was very well presented and the new lay-by is a welcome addition to local amenities. Attention should be paid to weed control on the approach roads. This was most prevalent on the Ballyduff road. Some of the paths also need to be upgraded.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilworth is approaching this competition in a very co-ordinated manner with a lot of effort evident throughout the village. If this momentum is maintained Kilworth will progress significantly in this competition. You are wished continued success in your efforts.