

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKEERAN**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	35	31
Tidiness	20	10	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	192

Kilkeeran, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for the detailed submission and report compiled by Kitty Joyce and Kathleen Kennedy. Your one page, 3 year Plan is rather short on details of how you will achieve your objectives and obtain support from agencies such as FÁS and the local authority. This should be remedied.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have few, if any, public buildings and not having a shop in the village assists your programme of litter control. The cemetery is very well presented, although some weed control is required. It would be a good idea to try to thatch some of the derelict out-buildings, thereby providing a very attractive and fitting appearance for the village.

LANDSCAPING

You are doing particularly well in your programme to develop amenity beds and the heritage garden is most attractive. The left over stone chippings for the beds should be removed and the plastic cover for the beds completely covered with the chippings. The stone Welcome to Kilkeeran sign is most attractive. You might consider planting wild flower seeds on the approach roads to provide a colourful display.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your village has huge potential in this category and your work to develop a wildlife sanctuary, and the efforts of the angling club to develop spawning beds for trout are to be commended. You might consider wildlife information panels for the benefit of visitors or to walkers in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

We failed to find hardly any litter in the village, so it appears your letter to the residents was effective and you do benefit in this regard by not having a shop in the village. Well Done!

TIDINESS

The village was tidy save for some rubble behind the farm and in the area of the shoreline down to the sanctuary. The work carried out by FÁS was noted, especially the wall-building programme and the cemetery, the work is to be commended. We noticed workers trimming the hedges and grass verges. Given Kilkeerans location, the green in the centre of the roadway and the hedges all add to the rural atmosphere of the village and one would question the value of excessive trimming. Perhaps you might discuss this problem with your local authority engineer who might

make appropriate suggestions.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, your houses are very well presented and maintained. Compliments to Roberts and their neighbour with the lovely hanging baskets. Teach Philbin is also worthy of mention. Some of the homes are derelict and no doubt will be purchased for refurbishment as holiday homes which will create problems if regular maintenance is not carried out on them.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The narrow grass centred roads present a lovely rural atmosphere for the village. Your programme of wall construction is commendable. More use of wild flowers should be considered to add to the colourful flora.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have done well in the Competition to date and have been fortunate to secure such support from FÁS. There are opportunities to do more particularly with the shoreline area which could be developed as a special amenity area in itself.