

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDALKEY**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	19	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	4	--
TOTAL MARK	300	152	--

Kildalkey, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the competition. Tidy Towns is an excellent way of helping you to identify the assets of your village and enhance them for both visitor and resident alike. The adjudicators would like you to compile a simple 3/5 year working plan that outlines you proposed development for the village. This should be submitted with you application for next year. It is evident that you have a working Committee already assessing the problems and potential of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church was well presented and had some nice planting. The adjudicators look forward to the completion of work at St. Dymphna's carpark. The pub on the corner was in the throes of being painted. The GAA grounds and clubhouses were well maintained although the abandoned (stockcar??) should be removed. The petrol station and the village store looked very well. It was nice to see the wooden sign for air and water for the cars. Traditional signage on shopfronts would enhance the village. The pump could have been maintained better. A couple of derelict buildings are a problem.

LANDSCAPING

Certain areas of the village were well planted and landscaped. There was nice planting beside the telephone box and new tree planting enhances the village. There is, however, a lack of trees and shrubs in the centre of the village. Hanging baskets should also be maintained and watered. The two new stone walls looked well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife can be encouraged into a village and its environs by the provision of vegetation that they find agreeable as habitats and food sources. A survey of the area should be undertaken to ascertain the types of wildlife in existence. The stream provides a focal point and should be considered an important wildlife area.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was evident in Kildalkey of the day of adjudication. Also, some of the litter bins required emptying on the day. Further litterbins are required.

TIDINESS

This is judged by whether hedges are cut, verges are cut and the general overall appearance of neatness. Additional points can easily be scored in this section if more attention is given to tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses on the Ballivor road looked well and were well maintained.

Residential areas were reasonably kept. The derelict house in the centre of the village - is it currently undergoing refurbishment? An agreed planting plan amongst the residents of the village with windowboxes and hanging baskets would enhance the village considerably.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage and street signs required cleaning. New trees are required on the Athboy road and the grassy areas needed cutting back. The Trim road was better presented than the Athboy road, although the gutters were weedy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is your first year of entry - use the mark as a baseline on which to improve. Use the expertise of your residents, be it horticultural, architectural or otherwise, to devise a plan which can be implemented. Remember that it is a rural village and that planting should be native rather than exotic in origin. Liase with the local authority. The use of the Irish language is to be encouraged and this should be kept in mind when erecting new signs/information boards. Good luck for 1998.