

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILLYON**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	--
The Built Environment	40	12	--
Landscaping	40	15	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	8	--
Litter Control	40	21	--
Tidiness	20	8	--
Residential Areas	30	12	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	13	--
General Impression	10	3	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Killyon, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. The village which does not have approach signs contains two churches, a petrol pumps, a commercial premises and some houses. Further away there is a Community Centre and a GAA ground. Please indicate as to where the village begins and ends. A map is required of the village for the adjudicators. As part of the competition a 3-5 year development plan is required setting out objectives under the various headings. Your main reason as seen from the application form for entering the competition is to restore the church. While this is highly commendable, it must be noted that there are now nine adjudication categories in the competition and the development plan should cover each one.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The community centre, although well painted, requires maintenance in the forecourt area. The petrol pumps need to be removed. The church required painting on the outside. The pre-famine church, as you realise, is of immense importance - good luck with its restoration. The pump could be given a coat of paint. Could Tony Graham's encourage climbing plants up the outside fencing.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A number of trees needed to be maintained and verges needed to be cut back. One/two feet is all that needs cutting in order to create a unifying effect for the village. Additional trees would benefit this area throughout.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a rural village and there are several types of habitats which are home to different fauna and flora. These must be identified and surveyed and then, as part of your plan, developments/management can be considered to encourage further wildlife. Use local expertise/school children to help with this survey. Wildflowers could make an impact if introduced in significant amounts.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter spotted on the day of adjudication. However, this is an area where constant vigilance is required.

### **TIDINESS**

There were no weeds in gutters in the centre of the village. However, uncut areas, broken fences and weedy areas gave a very untidy look to the area.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Broken fences were seen on the houses and some walls needed repainting. Other houses looked well and had nice front gardens.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The cutting back of roads was erratic. A small verge should be considered to link the village throughout. The wildflowers need to be encouraged. The road to Raharney was well cut back. The Kinnegad road had no signage.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Be clear as to where the village starts and ends for the purposes of your Tidy Towns activities. Then prepare your simple plan and work towards its attainments.