

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCASH**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	25
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175	164

Kilcash, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilcash is a small village in an area of outstanding scenic beauty. Thank you for the completed questionnaire, map of the village together with recommended projects for Kilcash. This latter is very much welcomed as it will give the committee and the Community at large an opportunity to focus their objectives over a number of years. Because of the typography of the village and especially the large central square it is suggested that project F- create a central triangle island, be given a measure of priority. The village has a very definite starting point on the Ballypatrick road and the same desirable attribute should be worked for on the approach from Nine-Mile House.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The significant buildings within the village are presented in an appropriate and attractive manner. The school is particularly well presented with the minor exception of the gate itself. The visually most important Keoghs pub, was very pleasantly painted and decorated with floral displays and also featured a most attractive timber hanging sign. The village hall was agreeable but would probably benefit from a heightened display of colourful flowers or suitable planting. The church yard wall was freshly painted and looked attractive. Individual houses and in particular the fine rubble stone wall on the road beyond the church were impressive developments.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting is excellent on the approach roads as is the planting behind the village hall. Especially praiseworthy is the presentation of the Ballypatrick approach road. The stone clad flower beds above the graveyard entrance are impressive. The wooden seats at this point and also on the Ballypatrick Road are pleasing developments.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The immediate proximity of Kilcash Wood provides a substantial resource to the Community. An inventory of existing or possible wildlife in this area might be undertaken by the school children perhaps with the aid of a local wildlife enthusiast. The large wall at the back of Woodville Height presents an opportunity to plant berry bearing shrubs and trees which would encourage a concentration of birdlife in this area.

LITTER CONTROL

We commend the large number and the suitably sited litter bins throughout the village. These were all maintained to an appropriate standard. Litter management generally was of a high order and very few disfiguring items were noted. This is a commendable standard. Please keep up the excellent work.

TIDINESS

Generally speaking the area is tidy but some difficulties remain to be overcome. The extensive road surface in the central square is difficult to maintain or present well in its present layout. Small amounts of builders spoil were noted at a number of locations and in particular in the cul-de-sac to the rear of Woodville. The tape designed to prevent people parking on the grass verge on the approach from Nine-Mile House is an excellent device but the pegs retaining it require to be repainted or possibly refurbished. Be alert to the extent of weed growth at the base of walls and especially between roads and pavements.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock within the community is limited. A number of individual houses were extremely well presented, notably the house opposite the school, featuring fine window boxes. More full planting is suggested for maximum impact. The four new houses at Woodville are completed and are looking well. The house above the hall opposite the churchyard was excellent with substantial planting. The Woodville area looked well but with some spoil needing removing, notably in the cul-de-sac to the rear.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads signage were presented in pristine condition and they were neat clean and freshly painted. The verges were appropriately cut back. This was true even of the small minor road beyond the church yard. The fine rubble wall in this area, when completed, will be a strong additional plus for the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcash village looks out on one of the most scenic views of the South East. Its Committee and the Community at large can be justifiably pleased with their efforts to date and especially with devising a programme for a number of years ahead. Give priority to establishing clear dividing lines within the central square and where possible between the village proper and the surrounding countryside. With the advantage of Slievenamon to the north and the delightful Vale to the south the village is endowed with substantial natural assets which it should continue to exploit to the optimum in the years ahead.