

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	20
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>170</b>

## **Kilfeacle, County Tipperary SR**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you very much for the completed questionnaire, for this years planned programme of works which is part of your 5 year plan and especially for the maps which proved very useful on the day of adjudication. The task for Kilfeacle is that which is shared by many similar small communities on busy roads - the establishment of a clear-cut division between the surrounding rural countryside and the village itself. This will likely be facilitated by rearranging the location of the various signs on entry, the village nameplates, the 30 mph speed limit, and the village community protection notice. Strengthen this further by co-ordinating the cutting of hedges and the trimming back of grass verges from that point inwards.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Considerable work has been achieved in this regard. The Church was very well painted as was the grounds external walls. Examine the opportunities for informal planting along this wall. The Community Centre was also freshly painted with well stocked window boxes and hanging baskets. Roseleen House was well presented with splendid planting. Noel Ryans Foodstore was neat and orderly. It would perhaps benefit from window boxes, hanging baskets and additional floral displays.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The important elements in this regard are the Motte itself and the burial ground. Both were well presented but both provide opportunities for more imaginative displays if resources permit. Perhaps ground planting rather than tubs would be more successful at the cemetery setting. A more clearly delineated pathway to the summit of the Motte might be considered. The entrance to the large rugby football grounds might be better defined and this long term project should be considered. Very extensive tree planting has taken place within the sports ground and these will be an added bonus as they mature. The area between the road and the tennis court and the tennis courts themselves were well presented with good planting. Perhaps the walls of the tennis courts walls might be seen as a priority for painting next year.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The planned improvements in this regard in the cemetery area are noted. Because of its essentially rural character many opportunities exist for the encouragement of wildlife by the provision of appropriately stocked habitats. Please continue your good efforts in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter management appeared adequate on the day of adjudication and there was an appropriate supply of litter bins in suitable locations.

## **TIDINESS**

In general the area was presented in a neat and orderly fashion. The telephone booth is well sited and there were some small flower tubs in that vicinity. It is suggested that more full planting is required for optimum effect. The repainting of the Church and Community Centre are major successes. Their enhanced presentation has however put the spotlight on the tennis court walls.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses on the Cashel road have been very well presented. Similarly the Tipperary Town road houses are very well presented. As a general comment a surprising number of houses have not completed their front facing walls or installed appropriate gateways and gates. This has given a somewhat disjointed feel on approach roads. Individual gardens have been very well presented and the general standard achieved is quite high.

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

As mentioned elsewhere it is recommended that a co-ordinated approach be taken to the various road signs encountered on approaching Kilfeacle. In a number of cases there are substantial distances between the various signs for no very obvious reason. The Slow Through Village signs require to be cleaned. Grass verges and hedgerows have been appropriately but not excessively cut back.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kilfeacles Committee and Community have been very energetic in this years competition and all associated with this impressive entry are offered congratulations on their on-going success.