

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLENAULE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	159	156

Killenaule, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire and entry form incorporating the most useful map which was very convenient on the day of adjudication. With 9 people you have a large task in coping with a town the size of Killenaule. Fortunately, there are indications of significant support and involvement by other sections of the Community and, where possible, these should be built on to increase still further the progress Killenaule is achieving.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town has a good range of modern and mature buildings which blend pleasantly together. The Old Distillery has been well presented with flower beds to the front. The Heritage Centre looked very well as did the vibrant coloured, Ardagh House. The Health Centre was neat and well presented but would benefit by the addition of flower baskets or window boxes. The Post Office and the houses beside it were a delight. The Church was imposing and the grounds well presented. The National School was flying flags and featured a pleasant garden. Some spoil and weeds outside the entrance gate detracted. Burkes Garage was freshly painted. Other buildings to catch the eye including Skenan Bar, AIB Bank, The Corner House Bar - which looked very well - and the Sports Centre. This latter would benefit from hanging baskets or other floral displays. The in-fill houses on Cashel Road Hill looked very well. Within the village, at various locations, are fine random rubble walls, which in many cases are overgrown or otherwise not well presented. A particularly fine stretch is available for refurbishment along the road leading to the Technical School. This area does need a lift and it is suggested that the reinstating and better presentation of this wall would be an appropriate project. There are very many fine individual shops and houses within the centre.

LANDSCAPING

The structure and layout of the centre provides a number of opportunities for development of well grassed and amenity areas. A particular good example is to be found on the Ballingarry road. The very pleasant Slan Abhaile stones sponsored by Gleasons, Leharte, AIB, Quinns and others are a very pleasant feature at the centres outskirts. The smaller grassed area at the apex of the Cashel Road Hill looked very well. The new car park was well presented but beware of minor amounts of spoil, beginning to accumulate at the base of walls. The cemetery walls were well presented but perhaps a bit stark and would be softened by suitable planting. The large grassed areas and flower beds at Marys Road were delightful. The Castle Quarter estate communal grounds have the same potential for excellent presentation. There are many excellent individual gardens throughout the centre.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The larger grassed areas present ample opportunity for the development of suitable natural habitats for birds and wildlife in general. The proximity of the surrounding countryside will assist in the attracting of suitable species. Aim to plant berry producing shrubs and introduce a feeding table for best results.

LITTER CONTROL

In general litter management throughout the centre was of a high order. There was a surprising and disappointing fall from grace on the small road leading to the Technical School. This area was a disappointment. Good sized and suitably located litter bins are a feature of this centre and were noted at the National School, the Ballingarry Road and elsewhere.

TIDINESS

The centre in general projects a very pleasant, neat and orderly air. The recycling bins at the car park are a good addition. Unhappily, some persons do not complete the exercise but leave bottles on the ground rather than placing bottles within the Bottle Banks. The storage of sand, gravel and other material is not always appropriate on the foreground of the Heritage Centre for example, or telegraph poles at the Technical School. In some locations weeds have been permitted to flourish at the base of walls and between kerbstones and the road proper. The junction of the Fethard / Drangan road is marred by very broken road surface and weed growth while the Stop sign here needs refurbishment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St Marys Road was a delight with its houses having been freshly painted and many excellent individual gardens. The roads were well swept. Castle Quarter estate was very good with superb garden presentations by Numbers 18, 19 and 20. The Cashel Road estate achieved a varying standard but regard was had to the building works currently in progress. The houses on the Cashel Hill Road were very well presented as were those on Rathroe Hill.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Fethard road approach is excellent with the nameplate being well presented. The Ballynonty road approach did not achieve the same standard in terms of planting or the presentation of the hedgerow and verge. The object should be to establish a clear-cut divide between the centre itself and the surrounding rural countryside. This is very well achieved on the Fethard road but not so on the Cashel road. The Ballingarry road village nameplate and speed limit signs were well presented with some room for improvement as far as the presentation of hedgerows and verges are concerned. The 30 mph signs are obscured on the Rathroe Hill.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killenaule is making great strides and is securing greater

involvement by the Community in its Tidy Towns presentation. Please continue your good efforts which are bearing fruit and will ultimately be of considerable benefit to the Community.