

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILTYCLOGHER**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 30                | 30                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 25                | 25                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 26                | 25                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 13                | 13                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 28                | 28                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 10                | 9                 |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 20                | 20                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 22                | 22                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>180</b>        | <b>178</b>        |

## **Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Under this heading all Tidy Towns Committees were requested this year to produce a plan which will guide their Tidy Towns activities. A simple plan with an explanatory map would suffice. The idea is that the Kiltyclogher Tidy Towns Committee will organise themselves properly in conjunction with the community as to how the village should approach the competition on an agreed basis over the next 3/5 years. Assistance should be sought from State Agencies such as Leitrim County Council and other bodies like the International Fund for Ireland. Organise some fund raising activities especially for Tidy Towns and consult with your local Regional Tourism Officer who can advise you. With some planning and forethought and the wholehearted support of the community, Kiltyclogher could go a long way in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire. A map would be appreciated next time.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Eugene Meehan's is certainly the most colourful building in the village, complemented by some lovely window boxes and nice seating (well done). The R.C. Church and graveyard are well presented; however, the gates could do with re-painting as could the boundary wall. Some residual litter was noted here. The hostel is worthy of mention; it was bright and cheerful with good shrub beds. The School looks well, however, the playground is gradually being taken over by grass. The Garda Station is nicely painted; however, the wooden fence could be freshened. Other buildings to catch the eye were the Post Office and McGriskin's. The Church of Ireland with its stone walls and magnificent trees is lovely, a hidden jewel one might say. A derelict house and untidy shed are visible on the left of the Manorhamilton Road. The petrol pump on the right here looks out of place. There is a derelict house on the right of the road towards the new bridge and untidy sheds on the left. The tennis court is a disgrace with its rusty fence and generally run down appearance. The monument also needs attention.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The treeplanting in Kiltyclogher is very commendable. The grass verges on which the beach trees are planted are well maintained. The view of the treeline as one approaches from Manorhamilton is most impressive. The floral displays in the village centre are a credit to all concerned.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is no wildlife project mentioned in your report. However, there are wildlife habitats in and around the village with its river and lakes. The suggestion in last year's report regarding planting in the space opposite the hostel should be considered.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter to be seen in the village, apart from the dumping at the derelict house on the road to the new bridge. Some residual litter was noticed on the Rossinver approach and on the Glenfarne approach.

### **TIDINESS**

An abandoned cars was clearly visible on the road to the new bridge, near the derelict house. Another dumped car and an untidy shed are visible near the open space opposite the hostel. There are a number of sheds visible through a gate opposite Mc Griskin's where the owner has gone to a great deal of trouble by providing flower boxes and hanging baskets. Well Done. The seating on the Manorhamilton road need attention. There is a small rusty gate at the Church of Ireland wall, and there are two farm gates across the small river on the Rossinver Road. The bridge here needs to be freshened up or else replaced with a new straight bridge (expensive). The local dump is closed. The debris here should be covered in and the gate should be locked. Apart from the above, the village was mostly tidy and presentable.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses in the town were well presented. However, some of the houses have rather drab colour schemes. There is a white wall beside a water pump on the Manorhamilton Road which is crying out for paint. The houses in the vicinity of the Church of Ireland are nicely painted with plenty of flower boxes. Some of the houses in the bungalow development need attention as does the white wooden fence. The houses on the right of the Glenfarne approach are well presented, with nice planting and flower displays.

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

The approach from the new bridge to the centre of the village is poor. The Leitrim Glens signs will shortly be swallowed up by the grass. The Manorhamilton approach is exemplary, with trimmed verges and treeplanting. There is some flyposting to be seen on poles as you enter the village. The Glenfarne and Rossinver approaches were quite good.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

If the right approach is taken by the people of Kiltyclogher to the Tidy Towns Competition the future could be bright. Pay attention to the remarks in the first section of this report. Keep up the good work.