

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLESHANDRA**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	15	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	141	--

Killeshandra, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 1998 national Tidy Towns Competition. After a lapse of 5 years it is good to have Killeshandra re-enter the competition. The meetings with statutory bodies will help you to establish a worthwhile relationship and their advice and guidance will be necessary to implement the programme of works outlined. Killeshandra is an important tourist angling centre and an improved presentation of the town and its environs will help to promote further economic benefits. The completed application form and map was of considerable help to the adjudicator - thank you. Your proposals make interesting reading and should provide you with a real focus for progress. You have taken onboard an exciting challenge - go for it.!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Pharmacy, Richardson's, The Post Office, Fire Station, Stat Oil, Garda Station and Marenella's were all presented well, however, in general too many premises are in need of improvements. They should be encouraged by way of a co-ordinated colour scheme which would brighten up the presentation of the streetscape. The adjudicator noted a number of heritage buildings and these should be renovated and possibly used for community projects - Arthur Martin Memorial Hall and Old National School come into this category. The built environment should be the main focus of next year's work programme - an improvement particularly in the area of main street will go some way towards up-grading the overall presentation of Killeshandra. The new resource centre is coming along nicely.

LANDSCAPING

Lakeside amenity parks are a major feature of Cavan and Milltown approach roads and a nice introduction to the town, however, an improvement in the overall presentation is desirable to enhance their great natural beauty. Hanging baskets, window boxes and tree planting in open green areas will garner additional marks for you under this heading as will the plating of trees - however, do seek expert advice in this regard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

To achieve progress under this heading it is important to identify the main existing areas of wildlife importance and signpost same. The many lakes and rivers in the area of

Killeshandra provide interesting wildlife opportunities. Assistance in this regard can be had from ENFO - a public information service established by the Minister for Environment and Local Government or from your area wildlife ranger.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall the standard of litter control was disappointing and needs to have a priority rating in your work programme.

An overflowing litter bin on the main street and at amenity park on Cavan Road caught the adjudicator's eye. The lower main street near Lakeland had an unacceptable level of litter and this must be eliminated. Your decision to visit local schools and introduce an awareness campaign is highly commended and should pay dividends. Improve the overall presentation of litter bins.

TIDINESS

You have a lot of work to do under this heading. Derelict buildings, poorly presented amenity areas, an undesirable amount of litter and pavements in need of up-grading lose you marks under this heading. You can change this rapidly if you enlist the support of the community at large including the business sector. Your FAS workers will play a major role and the local authority also has a contribution to make. You have performed poorly under this heading, however, the adjudicator will be looking for major improvements in advance of next years adjudication.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses were very well presented with nicely landscaped gardens and well cared for boundary areas. Two in particular on the Carrigallen Road deserve special mention. Local authority housing in general was to satisfaction, however, do encourage the greater use of shrubs, flowers etc. in open spaces.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were presented well. Do monitor the condition of advance signposting on a regular basis and up-grade the presentation of street furniture - this will enhance the main street which in it's current state is disappointing. Footpaths in many areas need up-grading and it's was good to see that the County Council has started work in this regard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As a new committee you have a lot of work to do. Your proposals as outlined are impressive and yours linkages with Heritage Committee, Town Enhancement Working

Group, Local Authority and FAS will stand you in good stead. Plan well ahead for next year and establish sub-committees to undertake specific tasks - this will make things a lot easier for you. Good luck to all - the unique and attractive environment of Killeshandra requires careful attention and presentation.