

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDYSART**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	22	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	170

Kildysart, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form, and in particular the copy of the CAAS report. This is an excellent report and charts the way forward for several years ahead. You should now pick out a certain amount of achievable proposals and work on them on a yearly basis. If this plan were carried out to the full it would transform the whole village. The challenge for you is to bring the community with you in your endeavours. The area to be covered relevant to the population is great and you should develop environmental projects that will require the minimum of attention i.e. tree planting and shrubs rather than flowers. Flowers are best left to the village centre where there are many excellent displays on an individual basis.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The CAAS report has identified many large buildings with potential for much improvement. In general commercial buildings are well presented and some excel. In particular the following are attractive - A.I.B. (although the growth from the roof gutter should be removed) Crows Nest, (a wonderful display of window boxes) Garda Station, The Bianconi, Credit Union, Mulherns and An Post. The squash hall is very poorly presented and some of the energy generated inside should be applied to the outside environs. O'Donoghue Stone Works is neatly painted and well presented. The school and church are well kept, together with the Shell Garage. No progress on cleaning the monument as mentioned last year - a small "meitheal" would do wonders here.

LANDSCAPING

The flower beds on the Ennis Road are attractive and the work on the new gardens is acknowledged. Trees that have been broken should be replaced in The Quay area. The Quay area has improved a little but could be further enhanced by applying suggestions in CAAS report.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to learn of the V.E.C. involvement with this project. You should pursue the suggestion of display boards and identify the type of wildlife in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

You have a serious problem with litter control and there is an apparent acceptance by the community of litter- strewn streets. The gutters in the core of the village were most disappointing this year. All your landscaping and painting efforts will not shine

through littered streets.

TIDINESS

Most of the untidiness comes from unattended open spaces. Many of these need grass cutting and the entrance to the Quay area, especially near the stables is very overgrown and untidy. No progress was noted on painting the corrugated roofs.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New and existing housing is kept to a high standard. The small estate near the VEC is very attractive with some good community and individual effort. New houses should use local materials to help retain the rural ethos of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA

You have a problem with road surface on the hard shoulder between boundary walls and road side. Try and get the County Council to improve the road surface, although the main street is very good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has potential to improve, but needs a concerted effort over a sustained period by the Community. The CAAS report is the way forward, but areas like litter control rely on community awareness and co-operation. Good luck for 1999.