

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMACOW**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	19
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>173</b>

## **Kilmacow, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is nice to read again this year that you continue to receive local sponsorship and assistance for your Tidy Towns effort which is the essence of what the Tidy Towns is all about. However we would refer to the suggestion made last year regarding the preparation of a 3/5 year plan in conjunction with the local authorities and other Statutory bodies for the purpose of clearly identifying what can be done on a practical basis to alleviate some of the many problems which still exist in Kilmacow. Many of the comments made in last year's report are still applicable and should be read in conjunction with this years report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Derelict sites continue to be a major problem but your efforts in this respect have been noted. Overall again the village was very well presented on adjudication day. The church and schools looked well. Commercial premises have improved since last year. The Garda Headquarters looked well as indeed did the Maxol service station. The Rosedal premises were excellent.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your efforts this year were noted on adjudication day but the comments made in last year's report regarding planting should still be considered in more depth. Because of the strung out nature of the village some judicious planting of trees and shrubs would help to soften the village landscape. Coillte should be able to help and advise on this.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments under this heading were noted and observed. Again the comments in last year's report might be studied in more depth to see what further advances could be made under this heading

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The village was practically litter free on adjudication day. However there was some evidence of some slight littering in some areas particularly of the metal can variety. Unfortunately the Sports Ground was littered quite badly mainly due to an upturned bin.

### **TIDINESS**

While the nature of the work at the Avonmore premises is appreciated, nevertheless open storage looked unsightly on adjudication day. What looks like an old ball alley in the village also needs attention as does the petrol pumps at the end of the

village which need refurbishment. Evidence of your efforts at weed killing was again noticed and you are to be congratulated on this.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual effort is obviously a strong point in the Kilmacow tidy towns effort. In this respect individual residential properties were excellent with bright and cheerful gardens. Great credit is due to the owners. Congratulations to all concerned. As mentioned last year the estate near the church could do with some refurbishment.

### **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

Comments made in last year's report under this heading are still applicable. The roads in general are reasonable and your excellent paths through the village were noted. The landscaping of the village front area was also noted. Perhaps this could be further highlighted with the addition of a few flower beds. Do your best to get your approach roads trimmed. The village suffers from having so many approaches to it. Perhaps your local authority or a FAS scheme might help.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kilmacow continues to progress in the competition. Improvements on last year are visible. Keep up the good work. Individual efforts are excellent. There is, however, a need for a more planned approach to the dereliction problem, the cutting of verges on the approach roads and the wildlife and natural amenities requirements of the competition. In all cases there is a need to enlist expert local help and to avail, where possible, of village renewal schemes, FAS and local authority projects for this purpose.