

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMANAGH**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Kilmanagh, County Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the information and the map sent with your entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you are liaising with closely with your local authority and that they are drawing up a landscaping plan for you. Kilmanagh are making good progress in the competition and the following comments are by way of a progress report and should be read in the context of the 1996 and 1997 reports.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Some dereliction is still with you but your efforts at improving the appearance of one of the closed-up houses was noted. Commercial premises in general were very well presented. The church, school and GAA park looked exceptionally well on adjudication day. Congratulations to all involved. The painted white railings at the top of the village also looked very well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your work to date in this respect is excellent. Your open spaces are very well presented. These are areas which need constant monitoring and need regular cutting to give them a crisp look. Your flower beds, window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs looked very well and are obviously being well maintained. The grounds of the church and school looked very nice. On the basis of work already done the adjudicator is looking forward to seeing further improvements next year in line with the landscape plan.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is no indication that you have done some work under this heading. Perhaps for 1999 you might consider undertaking some project which will gain you additional marks in this section of the competition. The comments made in last year's report are applicable.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Kilmanagh was almost completely litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

### **TIDINESS**

The village looked very neat and tidy and this is a reflection on the great pride which your residents obviously have in their environment.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

This continues to be the strong plank in your Tidy Towns effort and great credit is due to individual householders for the way they presented their houses and gardens on adjudication day. Gardens, where presented, were in full bloom and looked extremely nice. There is always an ongoing need for painting and decorating but there appears to be a big improvement on last year.

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

Most approach roads again looked well. There was evidence that a lot of work has been done but, in wet weather, this needs constant monitoring. Comments made in last year's report are still applicable but, in general, approaches were nicely presented. Road surfaces are good and appeared to be well maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

It was a pleasure to visit Kilmanagh again and to see the excellent work which has been done. Keep in touch with your local authority. You should also investigate the possibility of getting a FAS scheme operating in the village. Also make contact with your Regional Tourism Authority based in Kilkenny who run an annual seminar for tidy towns groups with guest speakers which is well worth attending. Well done on a very nice presentation again this year.