

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDAVIN**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	16	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	177	--

Kildavin, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. The residents of Kildavin are very wise to recognise the need to take action in your village. With changes to roadways there is always a danger of neglect unless taken in hand. It was wise also to involve so many other bodies for help as achieving improvements in a town or village always involves many organisations and good liaison and communications is essential. The plan presented is very helpful and focuses on the developments needed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village is small and every building is so important in the overall appearance. The two churches are in good condition and well maintained. The public house and next door yellow painted house look well. The Cardinal Spellman hall needs urgent attention not just to painting but to the entire surrounding presentation and aspects of walls in the carpark. The stone walls in the vicinity of the village are attractive and one of the features of all of this area. Work is ongoing at the pump at present.

LANDSCAPING

The planting along the roadside from the school down to the pump is attractive. The many trees in the surrounding countryside give a good framework. The large tree directly opposite the hall is a nice feature. It is important in future plantings to incorporate as many large type trees as are currently present rather than choosing small ornamental trees unnatural to the area. Trees mature and they have a life span. There is now a need to plant for future generations as those who planted the existing trees could never have hoped to see them come to maturity. There is attention needed to roadside verges within the village- near the cemetery for instance. Outside the village a more casual approach to roadside verges can be adopted. There is ample opportunity for tree planting on the large green in the housing estate opposite the cemetery. It is also strange that despite all the trees about there is not one in the cemetery.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is always wildlife interest in an area like Kildavin. Identify areas of particular interest. Obtain advice and make these more accessible. This could be a good school project.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably good. The litter bin itself on the green in the estate opposite the cemetery is not very attractive

TIDINESS

There is a lot to do to raise the standards of tidiness, edges to verges, weedy grassy areas road surfaces

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As stated individual homes play a vital role in the overall appearance of the village. Every effort should be made by each house holder to maximise their own property and surrounds. The small estate is in good order.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roadside verges need attention both on the approach roads and within the village. While a casual appearance to roadsides is desirable outside of villages - within the village a different set of standards apply.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kildavin has good potential and the first step of forming the committee and focusing in on the requirements is a great idea. The bypass road could mean that a certain amount of neglect could take place so this is a wise move. Good success will be achieved by determination and co-operation among bodies.