

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILFENORA**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Kilfenora, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Kilfenora is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed application and executive summary of your Community Employment Plan. It is good to note the support by way of fundraising from the local community and their co-operation in other aspects of the competition also. Congratulations also on the success of your FAS scheme. Congratulations on the Burren Interpretative Centre and good luck with your efforts in setting up a web site from there. The town enjoys some splendid features, e.g. wide footpaths along the main street and incidental areas suitable for amenity development.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The small car parking space at the top of the Lisdoonvarna road should be resurfaced and kerbed and an amenity feature installed. "Linnanes" pub looks exceptionally well. "Nagles" looked well also but would be much improved without the rollerblinds. The roadside boundary walls of the church should be cleaned. Both the church and the school look very well. The church needs to be cleaned and painted as does its walls. The rusted corrugated roofs of outbuildings near the church should be treated as they detract from the beauty of the church building. "Vaughans" pub is another example of a fine presentation.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaped stone map of the walks from Kilfenora are a most attractive feature. Some stretches of footpath are sufficiently wide to accommodate tree planting, perhaps this should form part of your planned work programme. Do choose native species in your choice of trees and shrubs. Greens are being well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Do organize a wildlife project for next years competition, there is plenty of help in the Tidy Towns Handbook. You could identify a particular habitat and use this as the basis of your project, or you could conduct a wildlife survey. It will be all the more enjoyable if various sections of the community participate in the survey and subsequent reporting / illustration / presentation of the findings.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Whilst litter control is quite good, there appear to be

insufficient litter bins in the village. These are necessary for year round litter management when there will be fewer regular clean ups due to inclement weather.

## **TIDINESS**

The curtilage area of two garages located on the Lisdoonvarna entrance to the village were quite untidy. Encourage all property owners to maintain side and rear areas to their premises which can be viewed from public view.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Well done on the painting of the senior citizens home by the FAS workers. Most private dwellings are presented to a high standard. Some town houses near the church are beautifully painted. A good overall presentation under this heading.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Some road signs need cleaning or refurbishing, for example a 'Yield' sign on the Lisdoonvarna entrance. The wirescape at the church should be ducted and telegraph poles removed as they spoil the integrity of this end of the village. The Ennistymon road with its loose stone walls, green areas and grotto make for a very pleasant introduction to the village. A number of areas, particularly side areas, and the area to the side and behind the interpretative centre needs to be resurfaced.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Kilfenora is quite positive however more could be achieved for the village. The work of previous years and your plans for the future are acknowledged.