

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKISHEN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	26	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	22	32
Tidiness	20	11	13
Residential Areas	30	19	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	209

Kilkishen, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilkishen is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on your success regarding the public sewerage system and treatment works for the village. It is hoped that this will have the impact that you envisage for the redevelopment of derelict sites in the village and surrounding areas. Kilkishen is a pleasant village and there is evidence of much work accomplished in recent years on the development of landscaped green areas. These areas however were not up to their usual high standard during adjudication and no additional marks have been earned in this respect. Do keep us informed of any planned new developments for the village and also of work accomplished in the past year. If there is a plan for your village, send it in for next year's competition. Don't be discouraged by the loss of marks this year, some of these can be regained quickly next year with more attention to the maintenance of green areas and presentation of litter bins.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Do try to ensure that low roofs of buildings are improved as they are visually prominent. Buildings which need to be improved include the Kilkishen Furniture premises, the M. Gleeson Bar and Grocery.

LANDSCAPING

The young trees and other landscaping on the Broadford entrance are maturing nicely, however the stakes here might be removed altogether or replaced with something more visually appealing. The Nasturtiums planted along the wall on the Broadford road will add a colourful touch to this entrance when they bloom. There is a pleasant mixture of young, semi-mature and mature trees in the village and its surroundings. There is no need to plant flowers around the base of trees, these can detract from their growth and are unnecessary.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There appears to have been no wildlife initiative undertaken this year under this heading. Again you are referred to the Tidy Towns Handbook which is an excellent source of ideas and practical assistance / guidelines in this area. Don't forget to send in details for next year's competition.

LITTER CONTROL

Many litter bins were full to overflowing during adjudication and almost all need to be cleaned. Marks are being lost under this heading. The Tidy Towns Handbook contains an

excellent section of litter management which can help you get back on course.

TIDINESS

The tractor and plant property is untidy in its presentation, particularly its forecourt area. The building under construction across the road will, no doubt, have its side area cleared of building materials when construction work has ceased. Dead weeds (sprayed) were noted in numerous locations around the village and on approach roads and should be removed as a matter of urgency as they are most unsightly. Derelict buildings continue to present a problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residential properties along the main street are presented to the highest standard. One or two are in need of painting. The small residential development beyond the church is for the most part well presented, particularly in relation to the colourful facades, however some stretches of green area at the end of the cul-de-sac are overgrown. The small housing development near the sports grounds is equally well presented, except in terms of its overflowing litter bin and the empty frame which marks its entrance. The play area at the end of the cul-de-sac was overgrown during adjudication.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A number of litter bins looked very poor and needed to be cleaned or painted and some were overflowing, (e.g. on the Broadford road). There is a good quality bin at the sports grounds. A short stretch of footpath out the Kilmurray road features handsome stone kerbing. These should always be retained and featured by always being kept free of weed growth. The carparking area of Pairc Amaltoinn Cill Cishín is most unattractive and its concrete walls marking the entrance might be planted with an attractive flowering climbing plant.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Kilkishen is one of quiet rural village with its own special type of charm. Hopefully this peaceful rural ambience will be retained in the face of future developments.