

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILLIMER**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Killimer, County Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Killimer is very welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application form with accompanying map. Well done on highlighting the three mile walk around the village. We look forward to the project on the graveyard and history of the area. Don't forget to send in details.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Buildings in the village are generally very well presented. The Old Brogue, in particular, was beautifully painted. Both the Texaco and the adjacent B&B premises looked well also. Landscaping to the roadside of the Texaco was attractive together with that of the curtilage area of The Old Brogue. A building under construction was noted at Ferry terminal. The outbuilding and farm yard in the village centre are unfortunate for the overall appearance of Killimer.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The trees at the Kilrush end of the village to the roadside of the residential development are maturing nicely and form a very welcome introduction to Killimer. The Tidy Towns Handbook which you will have received by now contains excellent guidelines on landscaping. You should find this extremely useful.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your plans to plant berry trees to encourage birds and other wildlife sound interesting, perhaps you might also undertake a project on the wild fowl of your part of the estuary. Another suitable wildlife project might be to feature a seasonal display of indigenous wildflowers on grass margins within the area of village between the nameplates.

### **TIDINESS**

There are no major problems of untidiness on this adjudication. The provision of a skip to encourage a general clean up appears to have been a good idea and your student summer scheme appears to have been successful also. Keep an eye out for weed control.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good, well done! We note your reference to a beach clean-up and participation in the National Spring Clean Week. Do you have any other litter control strategies to

share with us?

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential development at the Kilrush end of the village is presented to a very high standard with its neatly maintained grassed areas and semi-mature trees and rose beds, however don't let weed growth take a hold on roadside kerbs. A few unsightly weeds were noted during adjudication. The roadside area to the boundary wall of two private dwellings just before the Texaco station featured some dead weed growth which was discoloured and unattractive. The farm yard and outbuildings in the centre of the village do nothing to enhance the appearance of Killimer.

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

Do try to keep the nameplates of the village clean. The plethora of signs in the centre of the village is quite overwhelming and it is hoped that you are successful in having these greatly reduced. The graveyards on both sides of the road look quite well, perhaps the stone wall from the graveyard down into the village might be revealed and refurbished as necessary, or at least more of it revealed. The shrine to Our Lady at the Ennis end of the village should be kept freshly whitewashed. The Ferry sign at the farmyard in the village centre was particularly dirty during adjudication.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Killimer looked well for adjudication. Can you find a way of highlighting the presence of the three mile walk and the access point to the beach for the travelling public?