

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLESTER**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165	161

Killester, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The committee is to be congratulated on achievements to date. Being a busy urban area, it can be difficult to maintain and improve standards. A three-year plan would assist the committee in prioritising projects and areas of work. It can also help in securing support from various agencies. Perhaps you should also consider extending your committee and establishing sub-committees to tackle specific problem areas.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The business premises are presented to a high standard - it is noted that some have been repainted and this also raises the standard for others. SuperValu was well presented, as was Statoil on the Howth Road. The newly paved area at the junction of Collins Ave and the Howth Road is very attractive and the colourful flower tubs enhance this area. It was also noted that some businesses have window boxes and floral displays. As this is such a prominent area in the village, businesses should ensure that the forecourt areas to the kerbside are kept tidy. Plastic signage should be replaced with more traditional attractive signage where appropriate.

LANDSCAPING

The addition of large colourful flower tubs adds a welcome splash of colour. The area at Middle Third was again well presented and was litter free. Encourage more planting and consider some flowering shrubs for year round effect.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As an urban village you are somewhat limited in this area, however your committee could consider taking on a project to specifically address this area in order to achieve more marks in this section.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some improvement in litter control, however it appears there is still a requirement for litter bins in the area. Litter was in evidence at the Dart Station, some in the car park at SuperValu and some incidental litter along the shopping area in front of the Beachcomber. An awareness programme aimed at the passing traffic in particular could improve results in the coming year.

TIDINESS

The level of tidiness has improved. However more attention to the removal of weeds from the base of trees, walls and kerbsides could greatly improve your marks in this section. Graffiti is still a problem and detracts from the village. It is still present at the Dart station, ESB boxes, litter bins, etc. and could be a priority project for next year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of presentation of the residential areas is good. Along the

Howth Road of particular note were Venetian Hall, Furry Park Court and St. Brigid's Court. Some private gardens along the Howth Road and in the Middle Third area are also of a very high standard. Consideration could be given to arranging a competition to encourage residents to raise standards and to extend their efforts to the common areas of verges, kerbsides etc. This has proved most successful for other Tidy Towns committees.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Killester has busy roads with much through traffic. While there was some incidental litter on the road at the Dart Station and Collins Ave it was improved.

Weed control along kerbsides and verges would improve overall appearance. The island at the Howth Rd/Collins Ave junction was an important development and, as mentioned, has added to the area. The committee might consider identifying other possible areas for re-development such as that which will enhance the area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killester is a busy urban village with much commuter traffic, both in cars and availing of the Dart station. This can create problems for the area and projects should be identified to overcome some of these problems. Litter and graffiti require attention. The most beneficial objective for next year would be the development of a three-year plan to help you in all your efforts. Keep up the good work to date.