

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILFLYNN**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>181</b>

## **Kilflynn, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning the completed entry form and sketch map. You still need a medium to long term working plan that will chart the way forward for enhancing Kilflynn. You have many fine traditional features in the village and your consistency in presenting great colour throughout the village is most praiseworthy. You still need to bring more of the community with you and you have black spots that need resolving.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village centre is still your strong point and much of the work of previous years has proved most beneficial, in particular the FAS work on stone walls. The School would now benefit from painting, together with the gable end of the Church. You have a problem with rusty corrugated iron roofs which need painting. These are particularly obvious from the School approach. The Heritage Centre lacks identity and was not accessible on adjudication day. This old Church is a beautiful building, so you should try and give greater identity to it. The adjacent cemetery is well kept in this important village location. Previous reports have highlighted the problems with many of the untidy buildings on the outskirts of the village and these will have to be tackled if you are to advance your markings in this section.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have scored well in this section and the work by the bridge at the entrance to the village is acknowledged. You are fortunate with the attraction of the river, which offers great scope for improvement. The sign for the Holy Well is attractive, but the adjudicator failed to find the well - is there a further sign identifying the well? The area under the bridge is in need of a clean-up and there is evidence of rubbish burning here. This is now a great opportunity to plant an appropriate hedge along the road opposite the School. You should consider a beech or a white thorn hedge for here. Also, the grass needs cutting on the approach to the village from the School. There is great credit due to the many householders who present such an attractive display of flowers, especially in the village centre. Could this energy and enthusiasm be extended to other areas of the village?

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have potential here for improvement. The river area is already attracting wildlife and further tree and hedge

planting will improve the population of wildlife. Perhaps the local School could get involved in a project that would list the wildlife species of the area.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

You do not appear to have a litter problem and the village was free of litter on adjudication day, so well done.

## **TIDINESS**

Your problems here relate to poorly presented farmyards and open spaces. Farmgates, if painted a strong colour, would improve the appearance somewhat. In particular, farmyards in the village centre are important, and owners should strive to raise their standards. The road surface has improved since last year. It is acknowledged that you have a large area to cover, relevant to the population, but uncared for open spaces lead to untidiness. You need to concentrate your efforts on improving those below standard.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In general, houses are well presented. The village centre is particularly well presented, but you have some problems on the approach roads. You also need to pay greater attention to boundary walls - as these form part of the core adjudication.

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

You need to pay greater attention to the approach roads. Try to have the hedges trimmed and grass cut by early June. Signage is in need of fresh painting and cleaning. Freshly painted signs are attractive as well as vital to the visitor.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You are making progress, but you need improved co-operation from the community. You need to formulate a plan that will chart the way forward over the next three to five years. In formulating a plan, ensure you get the views of the community and then their agreement for action. In that way you will find it easier to generate a commitment to improvement.