

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKEA**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	29
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	194

Kilkea, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, the map was helpful in identifying the extent of area that the committee covered. Perhaps greater detail in the comments could be provided. The three to five year action plan is mandatory within the competition and this is a necessary requirement and should be produced as soon as possible. At present there is a drop in marks reflecting the need for this aspect so that this element can also be adjudicated.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village is charming with very good setting and orientation. The school building is well presented as is the terrace of housing. The gate lodge to Kilkea Castle is very pleasant and there seems to be an element of sympathy between its presentation and the telephone kiosk. The Church sitting in its isolated grounds provides remarkable calmness. It is unfortunate to see some of the improvements to the houses interfering with the original presentation of window and door details. The increase in marks is more a reflection of the new stone wall that was being built at the time of adjudication.

LANDSCAPING

The rural character dominates, which is perhaps more dominant than in most villages, possibly because of the scale of Kilkea. The Committee must be complimented for the restrained use of colour and ensuring a simple presentation on entry roads and along the terrace of housing.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This category must be dealt with a statement as it is unknown what direction the village is taking, however, it is clearly obvious that there is great pride in the natural environment surrounding the village. It must be raised that given the size of the golf course near the village, there must be some impact on the wildlife, given the associated use of herbicides and pesticides with such golf courses.

LITTER CONTROL

There are no sources of litter in Kilkea and as such there should be no problem. However, it should be pointed out that on the back land behind the terraced buildings, there is a dumping site right beside a sign asking for no litter to be dumped and this really should not be happening. It is

hoped that this item would be removed by next year as it is quite unsightly and mars the efforts by people in the village

TIDINESS

There is an exceptional quality to this very small scale village that matches the very high standard associated with the hotel and grounds. All entry roads are very well presented and the great colour in the gardens really do compliment the simple hedges. On a last note, the dumping of material at the rear of the terrace is quite detractive and on the day of adjudication some of the stuff was being burned and though not large scale at the moment, if left unattended this dumping area could become quite unsightly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is a very small aspect in Kilkea however, all are very well presented and have maintained the charm of this type of village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All roads are neat and tidy and it is good to see a restraint in the use of road signs as these would interrupt the very pleasant landscape setting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village is very small and as such constraints and problems do not match with other much larger centres. The development of a three to five year plan may allow some examination of other areas of potential of this village.