

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KELLS-KILKENNY**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	18
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	205	203

Kells, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kells is a fascinating historical place. The development of the historic sites and accessibility is a marvellous attribute of the village. Further work that is ongoing is so worthwhile and Kells will become even more interesting to visit. Good planning will bring all the other aspects of buildings, landscaping and tidiness into place. Co-operation with public authorities and the local effort is the kernel of the role of tidy towns committees.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The historic buildings form such an important part of the village of Kells. The stone walls - many restored or revealed, lend great character to the place. The bridge is a lovely picture. The school church and community hall are in good presentation order. The difficulty with the old garage site is irritating for your committee but this will pass and is really a temporary problem. The Delaney shops and surrounding area need attention to cleaning, painting and wall restoration at the roadside. The couple of derelict places no doubt are prominent on the priority list for improvement. The main business premises are well presented and give the centre a crisp look.

LANDSCAPING

The magnificent mature willow trees along the riverside are exceptional. These will not live for ever and a planting programme to enable the next two generations appreciate trees of this type is important. Many individual gardens make great efforts and this is a great way of improving the overall landscape of the village. Containers are attractive and give that extra seasonal flair to the village. Planting at the priory carpark is good.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There seems to be no end to the type of projects that could be undertaken in this regard. A good focused study of possibilities and the practicalities of achieving them should be taken in hand. Local information, the schools, nature clubs and enthusiasts can all contribute. Information about the wild life – flora and fauna should be readily available to visitors and residents alike.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very good litter control system in place. There was some litter observed but this is a national problem and it is only constant vigilance and encouragement that will overcome the problem.

TIDINESS

There is a tidy aspect generally to the village. Certainly known trouble spots exist and will need tackling – finding the means is the challenge.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual houses are well cared for and this gives the village an agreeable appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces could be improved in places. Some very good surfaces are present on the main roads and they are well marked

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a very good atmosphere in Kells with a spirit of development and a tapping of the already existing resources. Gaining the most from co-operation with public body schemes and encouragement to all individuals within the village to have a sense of pride in their village are key factors for the future.