

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PILTOWN**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	33
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	8
TOTAL MARK	300	215	218

Piltown, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the very useful information about Piltown and the map with list of work for 1999. Great efforts are being made and when much of the building has settled down there will be further advancement. The stone walls are such a lovely feature of the town as are the mature trees in so many places. The entrances are very welcoming. The three to five year plan is now overdue and this is an essential requirement for the competition. It is understood this is in hand and will be ready for 2000.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a range of interesting buildings in the town. Both the churches are well presented as well as most of the business premises. At this stage with so many properties looking well it would be easy to draw up a list of buildings needing improvements and focusing on means to achieve this. The schools are well cared for. The work of wall restoration is key to the development of Piltown.

LANDSCAPING

Great work has been done to take the state of landscaping to the level it now stands. Tree planting grass care and provision of all-year-round-interest plantings are the most important aspects of maintenance. More tree planting could take place in front of the community centre and in many other places where space permits. The tree planting and grass verges are attractive near the entrance to Kildalton college. Individual homes play a vital role in the overall landscape of a town. Piltown has many exceptional homes and gardens and they are a great asset. The containers and flowers borders look well but the dull weather of the summer is slowing their potential display.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There seems to be greater potential than is presently being exploited. The river offers opportunities but litter and lack of positive input is restricting progress.

LITTER CONTROL

There are so many side roads and spaces around premises in the town that it is understandably difficult to keep areas litter free. This is a problem all over Ireland and only constant vigilance and encouragement will bring success.

TIDINESS

There is a reasonably tidy state in Piltown. Ongoing work, building,

wall restoration as well as the nature of some of the business premises makes tidiness difficult. There are many especially tidy areas but there is an inconsistency in this regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are a large number of very fine houses in Piltown. These are well cared for and their gardens provide a great asset. The housing programme seems to be speeding along and care should be taken to ensure that developers leave sites and surrounds in an acceptable state. The housing estates will benefit from the activities mentioned in your application form and every encouragement will be helpful to the overall appearance at the end of the day.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main roads are well marked and surfaced. The speed of the traffic is terrifying and hopefully more traffic calming could make for safer road use. The road surfaces at the creamery area are very rough and require attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a great air of activity and interest in Piltown. The development of the town is happening at a fast rate and the increased traffic is bearing heavily on the area. Very good work has been done. The planning is all important- especially now with so many activities taking place.