

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SLIEVERUE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	27
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	203

Slieverue, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the information supplied with the application and the very useful plan. As was pointed out in last year's report a three to five year plan is now required and while you may know the type of work you would like to do in the future years a plan drawn up in conjunction with all pertinent bodies will chart out exactly what, how and when the various goals can be achieved. New buildings will cause disruption but this is temporary. They can be looked as new scope for help in the tidy towns competition and hopefully the homes and gardens will make a contribution.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The two schools were well presented. The concrete block wall and yellow gates of one and pink walls of the other, while giving a clean appearance, could be a subject for discussion in future paintings. The church is well maintained. A little paint on the railings at this stage would be helpful. The pubs are well presented with a good standard of painting and general appearance. The garage building forecourt is a little untidy and the building will benefit from painting. The health centre is in a deplorable state.

LANDSCAPING

The entrance from the main road is very impressive with the well chosen group of shrubs and well maintained grass. The kerbing awaited for from the council will indeed be an asset. The stone signs are also impressive. The shrubbery along the roadside towards the Waterford end of the village is very attractive and gives a lovely entrance – making both entrance points very welcoming. Individual gardens can do so much in a village of this size and every encouragement should be given in this regard.. The planting in the school in front of the tank is noted and in time will conceal the tank. The small estate of single storied homes has a number of attractive gardens . There are some others which need urgent attention. Thorn hedges by the roadsides frequently become weedy and gaps appear. A good plan would be to rejuvenate any such hedgerows by replanting gaps and clearing offending weeds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are always interesting wildlife sites in an area such as this. Some work on this area will be a benefit. Working in conjunction with people with local knowledge, the schools and possibly the conservation volunteers would be helpful.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was noted blowing at the pump. A large amount of litter was evident on the roadside on the approach to the Health Centre and further litter was noted blowing about on the road. It is extremely difficult to keep places completely litter free and constant vigilance is needed. Perhaps passing traffic is to blame. The litter bin on the road to the health centre is unattractive itself.

TIDINESS

There is a generally tidy appearance to the village. The entry at each end gives a very nice impression. Overhead cables, as in so many other towns and villages, would be better underground

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are well cared for. As mentioned above in the small estate of single story homes, some attention is needed to wall painting and gardens. Similarly the Ashgove Estate was variable. The orchard area is well planted and cared for.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some attention to road surfacing is needed. At the school, the surface is uneven and broken. Several areas would benefit from better kerbing also

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very good impression is given at both entrances to this village. There is a good standard of care within the village and a great number of households present their homes and gardens well.