

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMALLOCK**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	22
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	206

Kilmallock, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire. It is good to see Kilmallock making such a concerted effort in the competition. Unfortunately the additional sheet referred to in your questionnaire was not included with the other material. The lack of a map made it slightly more difficult to find places. The Tidy Towns Committee seems to have forged an excellent relationship with the local authority, other agencies and most important of all the community in general. It is good to see the traditional fund-raising methods like card games and church gate collections have still survived the modern era.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard under this category was quite good even though there was still an unacceptable level of dereliction, especially on some of the main streets. I appreciate that it is very difficult to get everyone on the same wavelength when it comes to Tidy Towns but keep encouraging people to make the effort. On the positive side some commercial properties were maintained to a very high standard. The following impressed this adjudicator; Fogarty's Chemist, both fast food outlets Pat Grace and Sgt Peppers, Credit Union and the Maxol Service Station on the Charleville Road. Many private dwellings especially the town houses on Sheares Street were in excellent condition. The "new" Teleservices Centre opposite the Council Offices deserves mention for its design and colour. Kilmallock, in architectural terms, is a town of character and different styles from Georgian to Medieval; it is good to see that the Committee is conscious of this architectural image. The issue of plastic signs and inappropriate materials for facades is a bit of a hoary chestnut at this stage but progress is being made.

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping and planting was very good, for instance the Famine Park near Gortboy estate looked resplendent with work ongoing on the boundary walls. The planting arrangement opposite the convent and at Emmett Street corner were very well presented. When preparing any landscaping plan for a town the size of Kilmallock it is important to make provision for easy maintenance. This has been achieved by the committee. Vibrant and colourful flowers are attractive but too many demand constant attention. Personally I feel that you achieved the proper mix.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is disappointing to see that the Wild Flower Park at Wolfe Tone Street has been removed. Maybe it can be restored in the future. I would suggest that you encourage both primary and second level schools to become involved in putting together a Wildlife Programme. A sponsored competition would be a good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was reasonable on adjudication day but there is still room for improvement. I am aware that you are involved with the Local Authority in trying to put in place an effective anti-litter control programme.

TIDINESS

The town was quite tidy on a day when there was a large volume of heavy traffic passing through. The proposed digging up of the roads in the centre of the town had not commenced on the day the adjudication was undertaken.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On my last official visit to Kilmallock a few years back I was very impressed by the standard of presentation of the residential areas and estates. This year the standard was equally as good. The residents of Gortboy, Sheares Avenue and Glenfield deserve a mention for their ongoing efforts. Keep up the good work.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category was mixed, good and not so good. The Effin/Charleville Road was acceptable except for a little weed growth and a dirty name sign. The Kilfinane Road was good with some impressive private dwellings; the front mart yard has improved considerably over the last few years. The Knocklong/Tipperary Road was good except for a very messy industrial yard on the left as you approach the town. Limerick Road was in very good condition. The back area into the mart and near Paul and Vincent is in need of tidying. On the whole the condition of name and directional signs acceptable

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmallock is improving each year and there is determination on the part of the committee to overcome a number of difficult problems. Initiatives undertaken to date have proved successful. Keep up the good work.