

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTIMAGH**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	25	22
Landscaping	40	26	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	179

Kiltimagh, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Well done on your heritage interpretation for the benefit of your own population and for the larger community. The museum, exhibition centre, sculpture park, playground and other initiatives together with your enterprise initiatives are a fine achievement. The community is obviously very hard working and determined to shape their own future. The town is growing rapidly as is evidenced by the new housing development. Kiltimagh shares this with many other towns and villages around the country and whilst it is important to add to the life of the town, it is hoped that the town will be able to assimilate the growth in population and the built environment in a way that enhances rather than destroys its rural character. Thank you for your completed application form, and welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The brightly coloured / painted façades of commercial properties along the main street together with the church spire towering over them are an attractive feature on entering the town from the Claremorris road and the gentle rise of the street treats the eye to a further wonderful array of colours. Many properties along Thomas Street are in need of cleaning and / or repainting. The same point can be made for James Street but with fewer buildings in need of treatment. The rear yards and walls to properties along the main street which are highly visible along the access road look quite run down and this whole area looks rather untidy and, in some instances, derelict. If painting cannot be extended to here then perhaps climbing plants could be used to good effect on back walls and outbuildings and sheds to soften the visual impact. Every effort should be made to keep sites in a tidy manner.

LANDSCAPING

Recently planted trees at the Bohola road entrance to the town will enhance this entrance as they mature. Landscaped areas around Kiltimagh were much admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your developed walks from Kiltimagh are a fine achievement as are the brochures on these, well done. The children's playground is being beautifully maintained. It is good to note plans for the provision of an amenity water wildfowl area on the Swinford Road. Keep us informed of your progress.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably good, the acquisition of the new

bins is commendable, well done! Some bins needed to be emptied on the day of adjudication. Your litter strategies will eventually eliminate litter from your street altogether.

TIDINESS

Weed growth was prevalent along footpaths at the entrance to the town from the Claremorris road and along the boundary wall of the graveyard out the Claremorris road. It is a pity about the old cars in public view at the John Reynolds Panelbeaters property and the overall untidy aspect of this business. No doubt work in progress to the untidy site beside the Shell garage will result in a face lift for this entrance to the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The plans for social housing are admirable together with refurbishment of derelict houses and sites. A good presentation under this heading. Be vigilant regarding boundary walls and side areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The removal of service cables from the town centre together with the provision of attractive lampstandards and orderly car parking (which Kiltimagh has in common with other Mayo towns) enhances the streetscape significantly. Sporadic outbursts of Oxeyedaisies, Buttercups and other indigenous wildflowers were a welcome feature of approach roads to Kiltimagh. However the grass around nameplates and 'Fáilte' signs could have been trimmed. The car park and recycling point looks well, it is a pity about the state of the building marking its entrance. It is also good to note the name signs on roads. Well done on the new litter bins. Try to keep the old style telephone box in good order and to a good standard of presentation.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall appearance of Kiltimach is extremely favourable and the numerous amenity projects such as walks, sculpture park make the town an attractive place to visit and no doubt to live in. Well done!