

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILBRIDE**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	162	--

Kilbride, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilbride is a small village and has a considerable amount of work to do but with community support and assistance from State agencies, significant improvements can be made. You are welcome into the Competition and your plans as outlined in the entry form are admirable but it is recommended that you put your proposals together in the form of a plan with targets, etc. The Tidy Town handbook would be of great assistance in the preparation of a village action plan. The preparation of a simple layout plan showing the main village features and your proposals would be of great help to the adjudicators and could be updated and submitted with your entry every year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is a lovely building attractively situated. The school is satisfactory. The residential part of Sweeneys is attractive and is complemented by the creeper.

LANDSCAPING

The church grounds are well kept but the concrete boundary wall is not up to the same standard. Weeds are present at the base of the wall especially on the side road. Landscaping at the entrance to Gleann Ard looks well. Additional trees could be planted in the grass margins at Cherry Tree Drive. There are examples of closely cut grass and trimmed hedges at the boundaries of a number of houses in the village. Areas that need attention include the junction area at the Church, the gravelled parking area opposite Sweeneys and the school parking area. Sweeney's Pub frontage is somewhat bare looking and well planted hanging baskets would add colour. The parking area opposite Sweeneys should be weeded and suitable planting would help screen the boundary wall. The school car-park is weedy and suitable trees should be considered possibly on opposite side of the road and at car-park boundary beside the stream.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream beside the school is an important wildlife habitat as are hedgerows, trees and berried shrubs. The school children could play a part in identifying these and other habitats in and around the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control has to be improved. A scattering of litter was noted on the road, around the Church, the road leading to Gleann Ard and at the school. The village is not on a national primary route and the population is small and it should be possible to effectively tackle the litter problem. The provision of litter bins in suitable locations would be a big help.

TIDINESS

Improvements can be made under this heading. These will become apparent as you implement your development proposals.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses are well presented. Several have attractive gardens and maintained boundary areas. The landscaping work is a feature of Cherry Tree Drive but the entrance road is badly potholed. Verges at residential properties are generally tended but adjoining stretches are unkempt.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces could be improved. Village name signs should be provided. The water pumps and street lighting that you mention will all help to make the village more attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Substantial improvements can be made which will benefit the village and its inhabitants. Working to a plan will greatly help and generate community support as well as assistance from the relevant State agencies.