

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLYON**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	16
The Built Environment	40	13	13
Landscaping	40	15	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	8	8
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	12	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	13	13
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	111	111

Killyon, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Killyon is a small but quite dispersed village and this presents problems particularly for the maintenance of lengthy roadside margins throughout the area. However, it should be possible to make considerable improvements under most headings. As was mentioned in last years report it should be possible to prepare a simple action plan which would focus attention on what needs to be done.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Churches are well presented, however the old Church is derelict and badly in need of attention. The planting of suitable trees at the boundary would help screen Grays. The G.A.A. hall needs painting.

LANDSCAPING

Improved standard of maintenance of grass margins, hedges and gravelled areas would make a big improvement to the appearance of the village. More of a feature could be made of the lay-by on the Trim road as well as the gravelled area in front of the new Church. Grass should be regularly cut in the grounds of the old Church or it could be turned into a wild flower park which would require minimal maintenance. There is scope to plant additional trees and shrubs at several locations throughout the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This heading could be dealt with in your action plan. For example when planting, native trees and shrubs particularly of the berried variety should be given priority. The grounds of the old Church might be developed as a wildlife park. The trimming of hedges and grass margins should also be carried out with wildlife in mind.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control appears to be one of the better features of the village. However a scattering of litter was noted in the G.A.A. car-park and other locations in the village. The provision of litter bins would help.

TIDINESS

The village will not look as tidy as it should until the problem areas are addressed on a more regular basis, e.g. weedy gravelled road margins and poor maintenance of grass

verges and hedges etc.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are several well presented houses and gardens throughout the village. However many houses do not adequately maintain gravelled areas in front of boundary walls. The village would look a lot better if more householders would weed gravelled areas and paint boundary walls. Greater encouragement should be given to householders to look after these boundary areas as it would contribute greatly to the overall standard of presentation of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A more consistent approach to the maintenance of grass verges and hedges is needed. The regular cutting of verges and hedges throughout the village would make a big improvement as would the weeding of gravelled margins.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Much can be done to improve the appearance of the village. Draw up a practical action plan which reflects the resources available and which involves as many of the community as possible in the implementation of the plan.