

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMAINHAMWOOD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	194

Kilmainhamwood, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The location of the village is a big plus, not being on a main route means that traffic is manageable and that makes a big difference to the life style of the inhabitants. A development plan, which need not be an elaborate document, is necessary that would outline a strategy on how to maintain the character of the village as well as focusing attention on what needs to be done. The clear map was much appreciated by the adjudicator.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The comments in last year's report regarding railings, etc. still apply. The Church and its grounds are neat and tidy. The school is satisfactory as are the G.A.A. grounds. The derelict building continues to be a problem. There are also a number of unsuitable shop fronts. The petrol pump is in poor condition and should be replaced.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping work at the riverside park is attractive. However long grass at the wooden railing at waters edge should be cut and wire fencing at the roadside approaching the bridge is rusty and should be upgraded. The two mature trees and the neatly trimmed grass in the village centre are a good feature but whether the concrete bollards and chain surrounds are necessary is questionable. The approaches to the housing estate with the concrete bollards and the long grass etc. are unsightly. Improvements to this area would significantly enhance the appearance of the village. The mature trees in the village and particularly on the Navan road add greatly to the attractiveness of Kilmainhamwood.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river is an attractive amenity and wildlife habitat. Mature trees, especially native species, berried shrubs and well planted gardens are also important habitats for wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control continues to be satisfactory but there is no room for complacency as a scattering of litter was noted here and there throughout the village and especially in the riverside amenity.

TIDINESS

While the village has a cared for look, sub-standard road and footpath surfaces, several weedy gravelled margins and the derelict building have a negative effect.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are several attractive houses and gardens throughout the village. The houses at the riverside beside McKennas' are nicely secluded and the shrubbery adds to the overall effect. However, the road surface is poor.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges and hedges are well tended on the approach roads e.g. the green area on the Kingscourt road. The stone walls are generally in good condition although some repair is still needed here and there. Stretches of new footpaths were noted especially leading to the school but footpaths in the village centre still need upgrading as do road surfaces. The simple presentation of the water pump on the Bailieboro road is effective.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village is unspoilt and the relative lack of traffic is a big advantage. A planned approach is the best way of ensuring sympathetic development and dealing with problems.