

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILLEEVAN**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Killeevan, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This adjudicator would like to welcome Killeevan to the Tidy Towns competition. Your interest in the competition highlights a wish within the community to promote and preserve their environment. As part of your submission you must include a proposed long-term work programme, incorporating the various aspects of the competition headings for the village. A clear and simple 3/5 year plan, outlining achievable targets for the committee, this will help focus your work in the future, and also helps the adjudicator to measure your progress. Try to involve the community in this activity. It is good to see that you are working with local bodies and organisations who can help you with advice and funding etc.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Roman Catholic Church and Presbytery looks tidy, nicely maintained, as does the Church of Ireland Church with its attractive entrance. The rectory looks like a very attractive building. The entrance gates also looked well, it is admirable that you acknowledged these kind of features in your environment. Some brightly painted galvanised buildings were noted on the road to the Roman Catholic Church. There are a number of houses on this road that need to be tidied. The new wall around the post box looks well as does other walls in this area. The wall immediately in front of the church would also look well from the road if it was similarly treated. The school house looks well and deserves the attention as it is a focal building on the corner. The unique house/shop opposite looks particularly well with the attractive ivy growing in front, it is very nicely maintained. The old sheds down the lane adjoining the shop could be simply white washed just to improve their appearance. These types of buildings should not be ignored as they are part of the rural heritage of the village. The abbey has some nice mature trees including a Yew tree which also deserves to be tidied, making it more accessible for visitors.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Appropriate landscaping enhances a village for all and highlights the features unique to a village. You have cleared an area opposite the church in which I assume you will continue your ground cover planting. The old school would look nice with some window boxes as would the area around the Tap. The trees and planting in the Roman Catholic church car park looks very well and I hope you will similarly finish the bed in the centre.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I noted that you sprayed the side of the road on the road past the Church of Ireland Church. It would be sufficient to cut/tidy this verge. On this stretch of road I saw one squirrel ( twice), a rabbit and a variety of bird life all highlighting this quiet unspoilt environment. There is an opportunity to enhance and preserve this area around the abbey as a wildlife amenity area. The Tidy Towns Competition have an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within their community. There are also other opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment within the village. Wild flower meadows/grass areas, nesting boxes, pond/water features, trees and hedgerows offer additional opportunities. When choosing appropriate signs for projects ensure they enhance rather than detract from the environment you are promoting and preserving. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, ENFO, or a local wildlife expert to develop this area.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was virtually no litter on the day of adjudication, well done. A Litter Awareness Programme and appropriately maintained and sited bins, also contribute to the marks. The committee and community must remain vigilant in this very important area at all times.

## **TIDINESS**

Some points were highlighted already in the built environment section that also fall under this category. The overall impression of the village, was one of general tidiness. However there are some premises and areas that detract from the overall picture of the area . It is important that all areas of the village are appropriately maintained and kept tidy and litter/weed free, including forecourts, back yards, kerb edges, all open spaces, and areas between properties. Back alleys/yards, should be appropriately screened particularly in areas that will attract rubbish or dumping.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of houses throughout the village and on the approach roads, were generally well presented. The attractive hedges, lawns and colourful flowers in some individual gardens were noted. Some properties need to pay some attention to their premises, it would be good to have a consistent standard for the whole village.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads are the first impression of any area and require particular attention for this reason. Attractive signage, nicely faced hedges and tidy verges that do not compromise the flora and fauna were noted on all the approach roads. The hedges and verges were tidy up to the speed limit sign on the Newbliss Road. It would look even better if this could be continued out the road a little further. The Clones Road generally looked tidy also. The Lane past the Church of Ireland Church looked very well, with some nicely faced hedges. The footpath on the way to the Roman Catholic Church also needs some attention as does the verges and hedges which all need to be tidied. The verges do not need to be re-sown and mown up to the hedgerows, a tidy road edge looks well and does not compromise the Flora and Fauna. It is good to note that you are approaching the County Council about the road surfaces as they need attention in some places. The steps down to the very clean river also need a little attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Once again it is admirable to see a small community taking an active interest in preserving and enhancing the unique features and environment of their village. Good Luck with your future plans.