

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **RIVERSTOWN-KILLEEN**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>209</b>

## **Riverstown-Killeen, Tipperary N.R.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for well completed application form and map. We would suggest that you refer to the excellent Tidy Towns Handbook produced by the Department of the Environment and Local Government with a view to now making a survey of your area in order to take stock and help you prepare a simple three year plan setting out your objectives, methods of getting the work required done and time scale for same.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of the premises in Riverstown are well maintained and contribute to the Tidy Towns effort. The Riverbank restaurant was looking well (though closed on the day of Adjudication so we could not view the new extension and gardens at the rear). Kennedy's Pub, where work was also in progress, is well presented with window boxes adding colour. Two previous business premises - the corner shop and the B & B opposite the restaurant are at present up for sale - the new owners should be encouraged to enter into the Tidy Towns effort when they settle in. The good stone walls throughout the village were noted. In Killeen the surrounds of the School need to be painted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The amenity area near the river is very pleasant, with its nice seating and planting. Bird life in this area was abundant on the day of adjudication. We note that you are having problems developing a river walk and would direct you to seek advice from the Agencies mentioned in regard to development of Waterside Areas in the Tidy Towns Handbook mentioned above. By the way, congratulations on Riverstown pump featuring in this publication on page 37. The local resident's gardens complement the landscaping efforts, especially the Riverbank restaurant garden and the one near the telephone kiosk also bordering the riverside amenity area on the opposite bank. However, the white fencing here is just a little rusty and could do with painting. The growth of ivy on the bridge should be managed. On the Killeen/Portumna road there is some very good tree and shrub planting but the grassed areas have become overgrown and a seat is buried in grass in one instance. If you want to leave these as wildlife areas, the edges near the roads, and around seats and young trees should be cut and the inner section left natural.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your riverside area is a haven for wildlife as mentioned above. It would be good to see the swans and ducks returning as this area was always known for their presence in the past. As mentioned above, the development of wild flower gardens in the grassed areas would be beneficial.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was little evidence of litter on the day of adjudication except a sprinkling on the Portumna road. Litter bins are well placed - the ones on the poles in the village could do with painting.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly tidy looking throughout and weed control is obviously undertaken early in the year.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential properties are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort in Riverstown and Killeen. We noted the houses presently being built and no doubt you will be encouraging the new residents to join in the work of developing and making their own place a better place in which to live.

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

The village signs for Riverstown on the Birr and Portumna approaches needed cleaning as did the speed signs on the Portumna road also. Approach roads in general could do with some greater attention.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A lovely part of the country where a small number of people on the Tidy Towns Committee have made a tremendous effort over the last number of years. We look forward to Riverstown/Killeen continuing to progress in the Competition in the years ahead.