

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFEACLE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181	178

Kilfeacle, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The application form and map which was most useful on adjudication day. You have received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator. The following should therefore be read within the context of that report and is by way of comment on progress since then. Your planning is excellent. Try to do as much as you can each year within your financial and physical resources. In this respect it is gratifying to read that you have the facility of two FAS workers and that you are liaising closely with your Local Authority. Many of the items mentioned in your entry form are long-term and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing these materialise over the next couple of years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The two prominent buildings in the village ie the Church and the Community Centre were well presented on adjudication day. Your comments regarding new windows for the Community Centre were noted. Other buildings in the village both commercial and private also looked well. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

Tubs of flowers at the Cemetery wall again looked well this year, as did indeed the very nice flower bed in the car park area. The Community and Rugby Field also looked well. Trees planted in previous years around Sweep Road and the Cashel approach are now looking very nice. Within your financial resources you might now look at how other areas as flowering trees and shrubs give some colour on an all-year-round basis.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. The Committee might designate a specific location close to or within the adjudication area which could be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife: the Tidy Towns Handbook will be of assistance in this regard. You might also consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Should you decide to embark on such a project please do mention it with next year's entry enclosing a location map so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

LITTER CONTROL

Kilfeacle was practically litter-free on adjudication day. This is an important part of the Competition and requires constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner which is a reflection on the interest which local residents have in their environment. Again congratulations are due to all.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses looked extremely well. Some had very nice gardens with flowers in full bloom. This is an important part of the Competition. In a small area unless you have the full support of local residents it is very difficult to make progress. Well done.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked well. Some areas of both the Cashel and Sweep roads were very well trimmed and would appear to be the result of individual efforts. This too is a very important part of the Competition as generally the condition of approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. The newly painted fencing around the Tennis Court looked exceptionally well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilfeacle comes across as a very nice place with a caring community. Keep working closely with your Local Authority and FAS. Your Regional Tourism Office [based in Waterford City] also runs a Tidy Towns Seminar each year with special guest speakers. This is very well worth attending. Also visit other centres such as Emly and Kilsheelan and see what they have achieved from very small beginnings. Kilfeacle has a lot of potential in this respect. Keep up the good work.