

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLENAULE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	166	163

Killenaule, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information contained in the entry form and the map was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to note that you have the support of FAS and Foroige and that you have invited residents from Cashel Road and Cashel Quarter estates to join your Committee. You received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator; the following therefore should be read in conjunction with that report and are comments on progress to-date.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your major buildings i.e. St Mary's Church, the Heritage Centre, the Old Distillery and National School, and your other Schools including the Old Technical School were very well presented on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Commercial premises again looked really well. Some however could do with a coat of paint.

LANDSCAPING

Your efforts to-date which were observed during the adjudication, are to be commended. Killenaule has many open spaces, particularly on the outskirts of the town. Long term planning should, as well as flower beds, include tree and shrubs of a flowering nature which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Where presented, tubs of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes looked well. Open spaces, in the main, looked well but need constant monitoring in terms of grass cutting. Open spaces on the Ballingarry road looked well as did the large grassed area on St Mary's Road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. The Committee should designate a location in or near the adjudication area which could be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. The Tidy Towns Handbook will give you some information on this type of project. You could also consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Should you undertake such a project next year please mention it in your entry form and give the location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will continue to get a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately there was a lot of litter to be seen in

Killenaule on the adjudication day. The areas around the Schools were particularly bad but it was also to be seen in side streets and in housing estates. Hopefully the involvement of your Residents Associations with your Committee will solve the latter but comments made by last year's adjudicator under this heading are still applicable. Additional litter bins will help but an anti-litter campaign needs to be mounted which will include school children, the business community and the Local Authority.

TIDINESS

In general, Killenaule was presented in an neat and tidy manner. Where untidiness did exist it was mainly provided by commercial premises.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general housing estates looked well and open spaces are being well maintained. As mentioned, litter is a problem. Many individual houses were very well presented, some had lovely gardens which were in full bloom. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the Competition. In a small centre like Killenaule the support of the residents is absolutely essential if progress is to be made.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general these were well presented. Adjudication normally takes place from the town nameplates inwards and the condition of hedges from these points need constant monitoring. Again this is an important part of the Competition as approach roads very often set the tone for the rest of the town. Streets in the town looked well and paths are being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killenaule is a very pleasant town with many advantages including substantial public buildings, open spaces and some very fine housing. The development of all of these are very appropriate to the Competition. However there is a need to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan setting out what you can realistically achieve within your physical and financial resources. This can be simply done with your Local Authority and with the help of FAS. Should you decide on such a plan a copy of it would be welcome with next year's entry form. Your Regional Tourism Authority [based in Waterford City] also run a Tidy Towns Seminar each year with many guest speakers. This is well worth attending as indeed would a visit to other centres such as Kilsheelan and Kilkenny where you could meet with the respective committees and see what they have achieved in similar

situations. In the meantime keep up the good work.