

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	217	212

Kilsheelan, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the entry form and for all the accompanying information and map which was most useful on adjudication day. This is the first time that this adjudicator has judged Kilsheelan. You received an in-depth report last year so the following comments should be looked on as a reflection of your progress this year and taken in context with last year's report. It is obvious however that you continue to have the full support of the local community as otherwise the village could not have been presented in such an admirable manner.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The vast majority of commercial premises in the village were exceptionally well presented as indeed were all public buildings including the Health Centre and the GAA grounds. The grotto and its surroundings are exceptional and must be regarded as one of the finest examples of this type of presentation to be seen anywhere in Ireland. Congratulations to all concerned!

LANDSCAPING

Kilsheelan has always had a wonderful reputation for the landscaping of its open spaces and this year is no exception. Open areas were again presented in a neat and tidy manner and the grotto was, as already mentioned, beautifully presented. The seating on the green areas greatly enhances their appearance and also the facility. However the area underneath the bridge, which contains a seat and a long distance walk sign, is somewhat overgrown and could do with some attention. Its proximity to the village makes it a valuable amenity area which should be maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have not nominated a project under this heading in your entry form. The current thinking is that your Committee might consider designating a specific area either in the village or in close proximity to it for the purpose of developing a habitat for the retention and/or attraction of wildlife. In that event and as mentioned in last year's report you might consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy or your local Environmental Officer. Should you go ahead with such a project please detail it and its location on next year's entry form so that the adjudicator can see it.

LITTER CONTROL

Kilsheelan was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an aspect of the competition which needs continued monitoring. Unfortunately there were some instances of littering in some housing estates which took away from the overall impression to some extent.

TIDINESS

Again the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner which is an indication of how conscious local residents are with the preservation of their environment which is also vitally important to the competition. Congratulations are again due to all concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The vast majority of housing estates were excellent with some beautiful open spaces well maintained. Unfortunately there was one (no name at the entrance) which did not meet this standard. Its open space was a virtual wilderness. Individual houses were also of a very high standard, some with excellent gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The two main approaches from Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel as well as the Fethard road are being maintained to a very high standard. Roads and pathways within the village are also being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A former National Winner, Kilsheelan can still be justly proud of what it is achieving in the competition. A further major success cannot be too far away. Your landscaping, litter control and general tidiness are of a very high standard of which you can be justly proud. Keep up the good work!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/99)

Congratulations on what is an unusually high increase in marks for a centre at the top end of the competition. The second adjudicator is in agreement with the comments of the first. Certainly the landscaping of the central area of the un-named estate needs attention - the houses themselves are well kept. The village side of the river is something of a disappointment for a location with such superb potential. Traffic-calming measures have done much for Kilsheelan since this adjudicator was in the village a few years ago. It is an exceptionally well cared-for place, and a pleasure to visit.