

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTEGAN**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	31	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	33
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	210	207

Kiltegan, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and map which helped during the course of adjudication to identify areas that have been improved. The adjudicator has still not received your 3 to 5 year plan which was requested in last year's report. Make contact with the Tidy Towns Unit of the Department of the Environment and Local Government who will be pleased to advise you on preparation of same. The Tidy Towns Handbook can also help you in this regard. The adjudicator recognises a new committee has been formed and wishes you well. Try to get more sponsorship. You have a very small, appealing and attractive village with nice granite stone walls. The influence of Humewood Castle Estate Village layout is evident along the main street. The adjudicator recognises that you have problems with derelict buildings, but try to work on these in the long term.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

New Eastern Health Board building was noted and was very well presented on day of adjudication. The considerable number of granite walls throughout the village. The National School was well presented, as was St. Peters Church. However the area opposite would benefit from painting. Brisco's was okay. There is need for improvement under this category in light of the small number of buildings throughout the village; for example Mary's Mini Market, has over use of signs and stickers. Katie Lowries was quite disappointing because it needs considerable redecoration on the exterior and its position on the corner gives it more impact. The other pub had no name but was being painted on day of adjudication. Harmon's would also benefit from painting and perhaps the area to the rear of the GAA hall could be screened off to improve appearance.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is excellent throughout Kiltegan and you are to be commended for your efforts in this regard. The initial impression as one drives along the main street is one of a very neat and tidy appearance with care and attention and consideration for your environment. A considerable number of flower tubs help to brighten up this straight stretch. The village green was also very well cared for on day of adjudication, with nice attractive roses in bloom. The area around the pump was well maintained; however the adjudicator felt it was somewhat inappropriate place for a litter bin which takes from the appearance of the pump itself. The bed on the Baltinglass road was also very well maintained, with nice shrubbery. The approach road from

Baltinglass is also to be commended with trees coming on well. Overall a very good performance in this category.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Good luck with your plans to develop wild flowers and grasses on the Baltinglass road. The adjudicator also refers you to comments made in last years report. In particular try to get the schools involved in wildlife projects. This is a new emphasis of the Tidy Towns Competition and one which you might try to approach in an innovative way by making natural amenities more accessible while at the same time conserving them.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control throughout the village was excellent apart from one major outbreak which took from the overall impression. This was on the grassed area from the main junction down to the Post Office where it was particularly bad. The adjudicator was disappointed to see this as it was not just a isolated sprinkling. Try to ensure that greater vigilance is maintained at all times.

TIDINESS

Kiltegan has a very nice and tidy appearance. The entrance to Humewood is litter free. Perhaps a more tidy appearance could be created by tackling the gravelled area, tends to create an untidy appearance. The plastic window in the telephone kiosk should be replaced. Further out towards the Graveyard the adjudicator noticed considerable dumping in the car park near the hall. But otherwise grassed areas are well landscaped. The approach roads are good.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual efforts of many houses throughout the village are to be commended and overall there was very good performance in this category this year. It was good to see that residents take pride in their premises. For example, the grey terraced houses and the stone faced house on the main street with good use of flowers. Within the residential estate good individual efforts were also noted. Overall there were no major problems noted this year, well done.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Rathdangan was very neat with grassed areas neatly cut and nice granite stone walls backed by lovely maturing trees in Humewood Estate. As one approaches the main street a very tidy appearance is well maintained through the use of flower tubs, litter free, wide open space etc. Try to perhaps resurface the road

where it is broken up at the sides. Approaching from Hacketstown it is probably time to replace the Kiltegan sign; try to incorporate the use of Irish into this. The approach road from Baltinglass was excellent, very well maintained, grassed areas neat and tidy and considerable tree planting, the granite stoned walls and maturing trees on either side. One minor detail, try to watch the gravel at the bend which tends to take from an otherwise excellent impression. Overall, very good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator enjoyed his visit to Kiltegan, he was impressed by the care and attention that the residents display throughout the village. The adjudicator noted that Kiltegan has been a past winner of the competition and obviously has a lot to live up to in terms of the winning committee many years ago. However, it is very encouraging to see the efforts you have made throughout the village in terms of improving and maintaining stone walls, landscaping areas. Try to work on the buildings for next year. Overall a good impression was created.