

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLESHANDRA**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	20
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	168	159

Killeshandra, County Cavan.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The lakeland town of Killeshandra was looking well on adjudication day.

You have developed worthwhile partnerships with Cavan County Council, schools and voluntary group and this is commendable. Their support for your well planned work programme was very much in evidence on the day. To develop a real and sustained focus over a period of time you now require a very detailed 3 - 5 year work programme - this should be done in consultation with your contacts in Cavan County Council and North West Tourism. Such a programme, if implemented, and in line with recommendations will help to expedite progress in the competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and support documentation which was presented in great detail.

Your efforts this year have won you a generous increase in marks - Congrats.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Whilst Killeshandra has some very attractive building, a small number of derelict and unoccupied buildings will deter major progress under this heading. Keep up the pressure it will bring results. Work on the old Jacobean Church is progressing steadily and of great historical interest and will be a popular day visitor attraction when work is completed. Well done to the many who have improved the presentation of their buildings and a special word of praise for those responsible for the new social enterprise centre. A visit to the tourist office here was most welcoming.

Your initiative to engage a consultant to provide a colour scheme for the town is highly innovative and hopefully many more premises will take up this scheme.

LANDSCAPING

You can still do a lot more under this heading. Do concentrate on the approach roads and carry out further improvements to the Strand and Green Lake. The Statoil station was again presented well and the colourful floral displays at Ulster Bank and Lakeland Dairies help to brighten the area of the town. Bring more colour into Killeshandra by way of flower tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets. The landscaping at the Social Enterprise Centre was most impressive and neatly presented - Well done. For next year target prominent locations on the approaches to the town for the planting of shrubs, trees and

perennial flowers, such planting is an outstanding feature of many towns.

Give landscaping a higher priority in your work programme.

LITTER CONTROL

Killeshandra was litter free except for incidental litter and unemptied bin at Green Lake. Your participation in National Spring clean Week, the purchase of new litter bins, recycling facilities and the Schools involvement have all contributed to an improvement under this heading.

You have responded positively to many of the recommendations contained in last years report.

TIDINESS

The general appearance of Killeshandra was one of tidiness - the town was relatively free of litter and many commercial and residential properties were nicely presented and freshly painted. Some side entrances could be presented better and this will enhance further the streetscape which has improved greatly in recent years.

Freshen up and replace damaged signposts and monitor the presentation of street furniture on a regular basis.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most housed were very well presented and many with well maintained and colourful gardens. The housing estate on the Carngallen road has improved in presentation, however, the access road to the estate has a very untidy surface and needs urgent attention.

ROADS, STREETS, BACK AREAS

All approach roads have improved in presentation and your partnership with local residents and estate representatives will bring further progress under the heading. The new footpaths are a bonus. As already mentioned the amenity parks at Strand and Green Lake are of real importance and additional work is required to create a much tidier environment in these areas. A welcome to Killeshandra sign is damaged and in many areas directional signposting needs attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have made great strides since your re-entered the competition in 1998,

The community has responded enthusiastically and you have established an excellent and productive partnership with Cavan County Council which is working to your benefit.

Continue the good work and build on your success to date.

A very good performance this year - Well done.