

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLIMER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	176

Killimer, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As you state on the Entry form, Killimer is unique in that it is on the Shannon Estuary which is rich in wild life, is known for its connection with the Colleen Bawn story and, of course, is a Ferry terminal. Therefore, the work of your quite small Committee in ensuring that these attributes are acknowledged and maintained is important and to date much has been achieved. The well completed entry form and map were helpful to the adjudicator. You mention that you feel that adjudication's are carried out too early but this schedule has to be adhered to, in order that second and third adjudication's take place, where necessary, so that the winners may be announced in early September.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In the village, the B&B, the Texas Service Station and the Olde Brogue Inn are well kept and landscaped. The green Eircom telephone box is also appropriate in this setting. The plastic sign at Stor Caitlin Ban is out of keeping and perhaps the owners would give consideration to replacing this with a wooden sign. The Legion of Mary monument past the graveyard is well decorated. We would suggest replacing the plastic hanging basket with something more environmentally friendly. The back wall of the second car park at the ferry port needed some rebuilding.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping near the Colleen Bawn memorial is impressive. The garden facing the river at the Olde Brogue Inn was also very colourful and attractive on the day of adjudication. On the Kilrush approach we would suggest that the large bank at the left hand side near the crossroads be planted with wild fox gloves and white daisies – at present it is mostly nettles and is a bad first image for Killimer. The grass had been cut at the edges on this approach but had grown again – however, the weather this year has not been kind to these endeavours. The planting near the housing estate and grassed area opposite were looking very well. The large entrance to a house on the right hand side was well maintained. In nearer the village the grassed areas were well cut back and the fuchsia hedge is maturing nicely. The Colleen Bawn monument is a good feature and was looking well. However, the one plant container here was broken in half and should be removed. There were three people working on the landscaping at the Ferry point which was looking good with its well kept railings, grassed areas and tree and shrub planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES.

As you say, you have a broad canvas to work on here and we note that you have consulted with the farmers and ESB on action under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was practically litter free on the day of adjudication. We note that under this heading you undertook a clean up of the beach and M 67.

TIDINESS

The very visible untidy farm yard near the centre of the village has been an issue for some years – we would suggest that you now approach TEAGASC to speak with this farmer on your behalf

- obviously it is effecting the whole effort being undertaken by the Tidy Towns Committee and residents in general. The main areas at the Ferry Port are quite tidy but in the second car park or yard at the back there is some untidiness and a blue car has been abandoned here. On the day of adjudication, the village shop and filling station had 3 or 4 filled rubbish bins in the forecourt in the middle of the day. Perhaps these were awaiting collection but if not we would suggest that these should be kept in a fenced off area out of sight until collection day comes around.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses throughout the village are contributing to the Tidy Towns effort and no doubt the new house being built at present will also be encouraged to do so also.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Most kerbs were weed free but in some instances spraying had taken place without removing the weeds first thereby leaving an ugly brown area when the weeds died. Some signage out at the crossroads was obscured by long grass and a sign for the Ferry was covered by shrubs. The walls on the way up to the graveyard were overgrown on both sides.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your efforts to make Killimer a better place in which to live and also to visit are commendable. We look forward to visiting Killimer again in the future to view the continuing results of your good work.