

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILBRITTAIN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	34	35
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	209	206

Kilbriain, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank you for your Action Plan and Map. Unfortunately the numbered points on your map were not keyed to any of the documentation which you submitted with your entry. It is important that you try and put a time scale on each of your development objectives. However all areas of the village were examined closely on adjudication day. The adjudicator notes that there are just nine people on your Committee, and surely more help is required. Your involvement with FAS, the Schools and Cork County Council is excellent.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Kilbriain is a very attractive village that has a collection of buildings that relate very well to each other. New housing development now under way will hopefully blend in well with the existing architectural features of Kilbriain. Your difficulty with problems arising from on-going construction works are noted, and hopefully will not last too long more. The Catholic Church and grounds were excellently presented and the Church occupies an attractive slightly elevated site. The stone walls are an important feature of the village and help to give it character. The plans to underground cables will make a significant difference to Kilbriain. The Dower House, Ivy Lodge and Kilbriain are key properties. The National School is very attractively presented. As mentioned in the 1999 Tidy Towns Report the Graveyard boundary wall with the road needs to be painted. Kilbriain uses very strong colours and this is highly successful. The local sports fields were nicely presented as was the Community Centre. At the Tennis Court the low wall surrounding the Court needs to be re-painted. Perhaps the present colour is not the most appropriate one; matt black might be more suitable. The Garda Station, another prominent building, was attractively presented and the Grotto once again looked really well.

LANDSCAPING

The Millennium Sundial is an attractive feature. However the adjudicator is of the view that few people who visit the Sundial will understand the technical explanation. Therefore you might consider providing a further brass plaque with a "layman's" description of how it works. The stone-work around the sundial and the nearby water pump might have been handled in a different way, but this new development provides a focus point at the entrance to the amenity park area. On the Timoleague/Kilbriain approach a good grass area was noted at the farmyard area. The farm buildings here painted white, looked very crisp and clean. The Church boundary wall to the main road is most attractive in that ivy and other plants are

covering part of the stonework in places. Attractive flower displays were not on the Graveyard approach and on the Kinsale approach road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The nearby estuary is an excellent haven for wildlife. The adjudicator found your new Amenity Park interesting and the double faced information panel on local bird life is excellent. The seating here is an added touch. The river has the potential to be a place that will attract wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control on adjudication day was very good an occasional litter was noted on the Timoleague / Bandon approach roads and near the Graveyard. Some small quantities of litter were noted on the Sand Cross Roads approach to the village also. Watch out for litter in the new amenity park as some small quantities were noted here also.

TIDINESS

The old abandoned rusty pole and road sign on the Timoleague / Bandon approach road should be removed by the County Council. The grass open space on the left hand side on the road up to the Community Centre looked a little untidy and needs some attention. The railing at Crowley's Garage is in need of painting – perhaps a bright colour. Generally the village centre was quite tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses were well presented and “Glendale” and “Glenview” are two of a number that stand out. The new stone faced housing development looks well. It is hoped that there is a realistic landscaping plan for these properties which will be put in place before the residents move in. Likewise a strong brave use of colour is indicated for this development.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Can you please ask the County Council to provide some sign-posting for the roads out of the village. On the Timoleague / Bandon approach road banks need to be trimmed, and one speed limit sign is obscured by vegetation growth. Closer to the village centre the banks have been cut, but they have been cut far too closely, and grass has not been raked and taken away. On the Graveyard approach road banks need trimming, and briars should be cut back or removed if possible. On Sand Cross Roads approach banks also need attention, though an attractive grassed area was noted near the Garage. The Kinsale approach road looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilbriain is a most attractive village with much potential to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition in future years.