

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCROHANE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	201

Kilcrohane, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Plan submitted with you Application Form was most useful to the adjudicator. For a small community your Committee is managing to achieve a lot of good work. The important role of the Munitir na Tire Community Council is also noted. You have had a number of very important events in your community in the past twelve months, and these obviously help to develop further the community spirit that is so obvious in Kilcrohane.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is great to see that three new holiday homes have been built in Kilcrohane, together with renovations of other properties in the village. The National School with its bright external colour was extremely well presented, and the proposed extension to the rear which is yet to start is also noted. Your plans for public lighting are important and hopefully you will achieve your objective. The Community Hall was extremely well presented and is being well maintained. The Church, and the Bay View Inn also looked well on adjudication day. The road boundary wall to the Health Centre needs to be re-painted and the weed growth to the side removed. A gable wall opposite the three new houses needs to be painted. Some other buildings in need of re-painting were also noted. Kilcrohane uses bright colours extremely well and colour choice here is most effective. The small building to the rear of the Church should be painted a light grey colour.

LANDSCAPING

The proposals for the Park are noted. Very good stone walling and landscaping was noted by the house on the Goat's Path approach. The planting here is extremely colourful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new community field plans are interesting and there should be wildlife here. However in terms of the wildlife aspect of the Competition what is really important is to be aware of what local wildlife live in the area and create facilities for them. Near Fitzpatrick's the riverside garden is an attractive amenity and the noise of water tumbling over stones creates an attractive atmosphere here. However the access steps at the lower end have become overgrown. Some cutting back of vegetation at this end is recommended. Have you considered extending this amenity area up stream on the far side of the small bridge.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control on adjudication day was good and occasional pieces of litter were noted below Fitzpatrick's Bar.

TIDINESS

The issue of the cattle crush near the Community Hall raised in your report has been noted. The Growers' Co-Op building is a major problem area. You are aware of the difficulties and the adjudicator is pleased to see that you are active in trying to solve the difficulties. Some weed growth was noted in the area of Drinagh Co-Op and your recycling project here should bring good results. There is an untidy open space below Fitzpatrick's between the old stone building and the houses. This might make an attractive landscaped area if the owner is in agreement.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of private houses were extremely well presented, and freshly painted. This reflects great community pride.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the Goat's Path approach the grass around the village signs needs to be cut, and the same needs to be done on the Sheep's Head approach road. On this road good stone walling was noted and this is a most attractive feature of Kilcrohane.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcrohane is a very attractive village that has an extremely strong sense of community. It was a pleasure to carry out the 2000 adjudication.