

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLEAGH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	184

Killeagh, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Whilst problems remain, the work of the Tidy Towns Committee continues to bring about improvement in the village. The work programme, which you have outlined includes many useful objectives and the committee and the community should continue to work towards the implementation of the programme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings generally throughout the village were well maintained. An important building in any community is the local Community Centre and the Killeagh Community Centre is being very well maintained. Both the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland are fine buildings. It is a pity that the gates, which formed an integral part of this old area of the village, have not been repositioned. The business premises throughout the village continue to be quite well maintained. The National School – Scoil Feargail Naomha was well maintained and the surrounding stone wall looks well.

LANDSCAPING

There are some colourful and well maintained flower beds throughout the village but particularly at the main approach roads. The flower bed at the road junction for the GAA Field adds colour to this area of the village. The colourful planting of tubs near the Catholic Church in addition to hanging baskets in the vicinity, give a very pleasant image here. The planting near the entrance to the old cemetery also looks well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Dissour is a valuable natural amenity for the residents of this community and the Tidy Towns Committee has quite rightly included it in the work plan for future activities. Some cleaning work on the river has obviously been carried out but this will need to be continuous – it is a valuable asset. It is also an excellent habitat for water fowl etc. Another fine natural amenity for this community is Glenbower Wood. The provision of seating and Picnic tables etc. in this setting affords very pleasant facilities for both the local community and for visitors. The mature woodland here forms a perfect habitat for several species of wildlife, thus providing a rich wildlife heritage for the area.

LITTER CONTROL

In your plan, it is right to request residents to ensure that the immediate area of the village streets are free of litter. Indeed, at the time of adjudication, there was little evidence of litter on the streets. Also the entrance to Pairc Ristead Ui Chinneide was free of litter. Regrettably, however, there was a considerable amount of various types of litter in the river as viewed from the Bridge. It has already been suggested above that the river would need to be the subject of continuous attention. As indicated, it is an amenity worth preserving and so increased effort should be made to bring the litter problem in this area of the river under control

TIDINESS

The village streets were quite tidy at the time of adjudication. The Bridge area of the village was very tidy and the entrance to Glenbower View was also very tidy. Also the areas adjoining churches, schools, Community Centre etc. were all quite tidy. The repairs of the perimeter stone wall of the old cemetery are noted and this tidies up this area of the village. As acknowledged in your application, the site of the old Railway station continues to be a problem. No doubt efforts have already been made to resolve this problem but obviously further efforts will have to be made to find a resolution to the problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents in and around the village do obviously make a good effort. There are many examples of well maintained houses and gardens throughout. In many instances, window boxes, hanging baskets, flower tubs etc. are used to very good effect. The houses and gardens at Liam Cox Terrace were nicely presented. The thatched house on the Tallow approach road was beautifully maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach roads to the village were very well maintained. The large green area on the Cork road was very neatly trimmed. The Youghal approach was also quite good but a section of the old stone wall across from the Catholic Church was broken and would need to be repaired. The minor approach roads were not so good; the road from Ballymacoda was quite untidy. Here, open spaces were very untidy. The Mogeely approach road was quite tidy but there was some grass and weed growth along some stretches of the kerb here. It has to be stated that the general condition of traffic signs, poles etc. throughout the village, were in an extremely poor state, with rusted poles, rusted or damaged signs dominating through the entire village. The "Look Out for Children" sign near the junction of the old cemetery was almost completely concealed by overgrowth. Also a similar sign on the Mogeely approach road was in need of repainting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns Committee in conjunction with the general efforts of the local community is making a good effort and by pursuing the programme which has been drawn up, additional progress can be made. It is however suggested that you need assistance from the relevant authorities in relation to indication signs, traffic signs etc. and this help should be sought.