

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMACSIMON QUAY**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Kilmacsimon Quay, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Kilmacsimon Quay has truly beautiful surroundings and this gives an unique advantage to the village. The plan for the year 2000 is impressive. Longer-term planning helps to set objectives that can be accomplished part by part over the years leading to the ultimate goals. The map submitted was very helpful. The entrance areas are a very strong aspect of the village and the efforts made in this area are very evident.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Keohanes pub is very well presented with the pleasant stone frontage and the very clean appearance. The terrace of houses is beautifully painted and gives a lovely atmosphere to the quayside. The two houses at the top of the village – Quaystone and the yellow house are both attractive though with totally contrasting styles. The surface of the road in front of these and the entrance to the top boat yard is very broken and needs attention. A good aim now would be to have all cables placed underground as the skyline is cluttered with these at present. The boat yard sheds are of course a very predominating factor in the built landscape and need consideration. Painting where necessary is one solution. Planting Virginian creeper is another – the planting of ivy and cotoneaster is noted but a more rampant style growth is needed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The natural landscape of the area confers so much on this village that any additions are almost interference. However landscaping around houses and other buildings has the purpose of ameliorating the effects of the buildings on the landscape and providing attractive plant features. The waterside area is attractively treated. The old cherry tree and plane tree are suffering ailments and may not be the best choice in future plantings. Willow would be an interesting subject, as would the trees of the area as on the other side of the road – Oak. Beech and Ash. The planting of shrubs is attractive. The vegetable garden at Keohanes pub is an attractive feature. As are the planted containers in the village including those alongside the boat yard. The grassed areas along the quayside are well tended and give a very cared for look to the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

With the adjacent woodland, waterfront and river above the village Kilmacsimon Quay is richly endowed with opportunity for appreciation of wild life. The walkway from the village to the bridge is a lovely experience. Care should be taken when

using weedkiller not to scour areas, especially by walls, of all vegetation. Tiny ferns, toadflax and controlled ivy are attractive on walls.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is good with a very clean quayside and roadway presented. The spot where litter is burned by the waterside has left a lot of materials such as cans which of course will not burn and so give rise to unwelcome litter. At the waterside by the house "Quayside" some plastic is present.

### **TIDINESS**

By surfacing the road at the entrance to the top yard a more tidy aspect will follow, there is a good degree of tidiness all around the village quays. As has been mentioned already the boat shed would benefit from improved presentation

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The few residences of the village are very well presented. The colourful terrace is a predominant part of the village. Keeping houses painted and looking tidy is vital in Kilmacsimon as there are so few houses everyone has an important contribution to make.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads are particularly attractive from the bridge and the stone arched bridge is attractive – especially as seen from the village side. The plant-filled boat and the anchored boat as well as the remains of a boat in the water all contribute to the spirit of the village

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

With the lovely approach, well kept quays and swans sailing by this is a very picturesque village in which great pride by the residents is seen and justified.