

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMURRY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177	172

Kilmurry, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A work programme for the next 3 to 5 years as mentioned last year is very desirable at this stage for your village. You have progressed well over the years and now by standing back and considering all the types of work you wish to do in the future you could plan out year by year what your goals are and how you will achieve them

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The cemetery and school are being maintained especially well and contribute well on entering the village. The outside wall of the cemetery is very well cleaned and the base well cleared of weed grasses. The grotto is of very high quality and meticulously maintained. The wall up towards the grotto is attractive as is the loose stone type wall on the other side. At the Pub one wonders if all the plastic protruding signs are really necessary. The church and surrounds are well tended to, as is the adjoining carpark. Throughout the village the appearance of the various types of stone walls give a very nice characteristic to the village. The concrete block wall facing Galvins however is out of context with the natural stone walls of the area and if there was a way to conceal, face or replace it at some stage it would be helpful. The white washed corner wall brightens up this space. Around by the old cemetery the old agricultural buildings need attention and it a pity that these should continue to be unattractive. The old cemetery is a fascinating place and while it would be wrong to clean and remove too much vegetation, a little cleaning consistent with being able to stroll about would be helpful. Perhaps a memorial in the main part of the village for John Thomas Gleeson would be worth considering as otherwise his burial place is just a chance find.

LANDSCAPING

The approach from the cemetery to the village is very well landscaped and cared for, including the walls and grotto. Gardens contribute greatly to the overall landscape off the village and every effort made is worthwhile. The gardens and greens in St. Mary's terrace are very well cared for with good tree planting on the green and nice shrub planting at the roundabout. Containers in the village on buildings and the series of containers along the road by the church give a nice sparkle of colour. It is always important to find areas to plant trees so that the next generations can enjoy trees as we enjoy the trees planted by past generations. The church grounds and car park offer an ideal opportunity for tree planting. Rather than planting highly ornamental garden trees plant ash, sycamore, lime or whatever trees do best in the surrounding

countryside.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wildlife that exists in the surrounds of your village should be observed and some way developed to enable more people to be able to appreciate and enjoy this.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good on adjudication day and constant vigilance is necessary especially in the areas of the shops together with getting as many people involved in cleanups so that people become more aware of the importance of litter freedom.

TIDINESS

There is a good level of tidiness in the village. This is especially so from entering the village from the main road. The need for some attention to painting and the state of the old agricultural buildings around by the old cemetery are hindering the tidiness aspect.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses at St. Mary's terrace as mentioned above look well and the estate is well cared for. Individual houses around the village contribute well as both the houses and the gardens are well maintained. Some particularly nice houses are present close to the cemetery.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces are good. Much work has been done on roadside stone walls and a little care needs to be exercised in case the enthusiasm for cleaning results in eliminating attractive vegetation from walls, which would lead to a clinical style of maintenance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The entry to Kilmurry is impressive and the work at the cemetery and grotto signifies that there is a very positive approach to the development of the village.