

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILWORTH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	33	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	211

Kilworth, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and well drawn village map. As stated last year the Committee should consider phasing its development plans over 3/5 years. Keep up your contacts with the local authority, FRS and your architects. There appears to be very good local support in terms of voluntary time and local farmers contributing time and machinery. The involvement of the local schools is paramount and congratulations on involving them in your 'Litter Free Kilworth' project. Keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The level of civic pride in Kilworth is very high and this is reflected in the care and maintenance of the main public buildings. The Village Arts Centre and Market House are two very prominent 'strong' buildings in the village. The comments made in last years report are still relevant concerning the Garda Station and the kiosk building at the entrance to the Church. The Church itself and grounds look well as do the School and various sporting facilities. The children's artwork on the windows of the Primary Schools was very attractive and bright. I would concur with many points relating to buildings in your 'urban and rural development program 2000' relating to colour co-ordination, the purchase of derelict sites for infill housing and the removal of plastic signs from shops and especially pubs. The 'Mini Market' shop may need a new sun awning.

LANDSCAPING

The picnic area and landscaping on the Glanworth road continues to impress. It appears also that you have some work in progress at this location in relation to planting. Molly Barry's Cross looks well as did some colourful planting on the approach towards the Hostel. The village square continues to be a nice focal point and the planting between the garage and garden centre improves this entrance to the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The bird stand that was in the green area near Molly Barry's Cross is absent this year. The adjudicator was not clear as to the status of the Owl and Hawk Sanctuary, is it still operating? The Committee should look at the possibility of developing an 'Environmental Programme'. Do not be overwhelmed by this as it could be the focus for school or youth groups. Consult also the 'Tidy Towns Handbook' section 6, which has a very good structure on how to begin

the process.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter appears to be kept in check again this year. The Litter Free Kilworth awareness programme/competition in conjunction with the local National Schools is an excellent initiative and dovetails well with your participation in the 'Inter Village Litter Challenge' and the 'Litter Free Roadsides' competitions.

TIDINESS

Kerbside weeds are absent with the exception of the Lismore road area at the base of the wall and on top of the wall. The planned under grounding of cables is a great idea and would greatly improve the visual appearance of the village. The Committee should also investigate the provision of recycling facilities if this were viable given Kilworth size

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All local inhabitants seem to have got into the spirit of Tidy Towns. The residential areas were all very well presented of special note was St. Anthony's road, Brennan's Place, John Daly Terrace and Elm Place. All hedges, shrubs and lawns are very well tended and practically all houses are freshly painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Glanworth Road approach forms a formidable first impression, on St. Anthony's Road and the Coach Road the left side hedging needs to be cut back. The 'Yield' traffic sign on St. Anthony's Road needs repair, the 30 mile speed limit sign on the Coach Road is obscured by growth and would need to be cut back. The signs on Coach Road and at the end of Pound Lane would need to be washed. I note your planned work on footpaths particularly on the Coach Road and Mill Hill area and similarly on the stone walls some dating from famine times. There is what looks like a handball alley adjacent to Molly Barry's Cross – could this be restored?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The entrances to Kilworth are very strong particularly on the Glanworth Road side, the Mill Hill approach is also very impressive. The efforts at landscaping are paying off. Keep up your consistent efforts in all facets of the competition. Well done.