

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KISKEAM**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	28
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	209	204

Kiskeam, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The three-year plan submitted with your application shows a very dedicated and focused approach to developments in the village. The concentration on the use of stone is a very worthwhile direction as it gives the village an unique character. The proposal for 2002 to have river access and avail of the nearby woods are interesting for the future. The photographs submitted are interesting and it is always good to see recorded stages of progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings of the village are well presented. The school is an attractive shade of blue. The church is well presented with well-marked and maintained carpark. The gates at the back of this carpark could lead to a better view than at present. The high quality seating set in the walls along the road at the church are very attractive. The stone walls with planting space are attractive. The shops are in a very good state of painting. The corrugated iron gate at the "Why Not" might be replaced some time by a more attractive timber or metal gate. The stone walls in the village area are a great feature and lend character. The stone circle project is very note worthy and paving was taking place at adjudication time. This is a very interesting project and utilises the historical aspect of the area in a very positive way. The surrounding stone wall and individual stones inside are marvellous with the Liscannor paving. – all natural stone materials. The two concrete seating circles might be better as real stone slabs in the circumstances and maybe at a future date these could be replaced and the circular seats used elsewhere.

LANDSCAPING

There is a lovely line of sycamore and beech trees on the Mallow side. The natural hedgerows are very rich in flowering and are being treated well. The planting up by the pump is very well done and attractive. The planting of Yews in the wall at the church is a very good choice. The planting along the village by carpark towards the shops is a lovely sight. The line of beech trees in the church carpark is attractive and it is wise to use such fine trees for that site. The side of the church by the bell is a little rough and offers opportunity for improvement. There are beautiful gardens opposite the church, which contribute well to the overall landscape of the village. Individual gardens are very important for effect on the total village landscape and the fine gardens in and around the village are very valuable in this regard. The planting in the village shows permanency, meaning that all year round benefits can be achieved which is good. The landscaping by

the school is attractive and a job well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your future plans in this regard are interesting. The river offers interesting opportunities and will be a great asset when such plans develop

LITTER CONTROL

The control of litter is very good. Some small amounts were noted at the church carpark but generally the litter situation is well managed and the village has a very clean look.

TIDINESS

Kiskeam is truly a “tidy village” with great attention to detail. No doubt high on your priority list is the removal of the old car from the riverbank. The carpark opposite the Why Not seems to be about to develop with heaps of fill there. The cemetery and the way up to this both by the road and the community housing is well tended. The derelict cottage is well treated perhaps a little more paint would help this now. The undergrounding of cables has paid off very well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a very good sense of pride in the residential sector with good care and attention to presentation of homes and gardens. New housing should be finished off well to be consistent with existing style of the village and the use of the stone helped to blend in sites.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is a very good and well-marked system of roads in the village and the entrances are attractively treated with respect for the natural beauty of the surrounds.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The view of the village from outside gives a lovely picture of colourful houses nestling among the trees. On entering the village the high quality stone walls and well cared for approach is very welcome.