

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFLYNN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	183

Kilflynn, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Great efforts are being made to improve the village and credit is due for achievements to date. Working with Fás and the County Council will enable you to gain improvement that would otherwise be impossible.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church, heritage centre and shops and homes comprise the main building element to the village. Good efforts are being made to present these attractive. Some attention is needed to the church as much wall staining is evident. The ivy clad building at corner is an attraction. The carpark with good kerbing and well-painted walls gives a cared for look to the cross. The use of stone wherever possible is desirable. Local stone, makes such a fine presentation. The post office is a lovely sight. The artists work on the corner site is attractive and this is a good way of dealing with such a prominent site. There is a nice stone base at the hedgerow on the roadside opposite the post office. This could be revealed and reinstated to good effect without disturbing the hedge itself.

LANDSCAPING

Good efforts are being made especially by individual homeowners. As stated the house on the corner deserves special mention. The gardens and the treatment of the hedgerow behind the heritage centre are also very good. The work below the bridge on the corner is attractive although it needs attention lest the weeds swallow up previous efforts. The Holy Well is very pleasant – despite the long distance the journey is worthwhile with the lovely tranquil atmosphere there. A huge amount of effort must have gone into the work there - that is easy to see. Planting of hedges and clearing and maintaining is an enormous task and congratulations are due for this. The hanging baskets on the bridge are nice and the red colour is unusual. The tree planting is noted - maybe you already have tree planting on each side of the road towards the school on your priority list. Perhaps hawthorn hedging could be considered in one or both of these areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The walk to the Holy Well is the obvious choice for concentration in this regard. This would provide two worthwhile reasons for going that path. Your difficulties in keeping the river clean are understood but you have made such great headway.

LITTER CONTROL

Control is good but some litter in cemetery and outside was noted. A very clean appearance is generally in place and a high standard prevails.

TIDINESS

When the work of the kerbing to the school and the new building is complete a tidier result will follow.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As stated all efforts by individuals with their homes benefits the entire community. There is very good work being done and pride is noted in the homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are a little less than perfect.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a very caring impression on entering the village. Standards are good and people are seen to have pride in keeping their homes very well and with a 12 strong committee further improvement will follow quickly.