

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILGARVAN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	26	27
Landscaping	40	29	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	5	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175	177

Kilgarvan, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The attractive natural beauty of the surrounding countryside enhances the village of Kilgarvan. In order to maximise this natural feature the village could be developed to a higher standard by developing a 3 to 5 year plan. This would enable your committee to stand back and see all the attributes of the village and all the ways that improvements could be made. Then it is a matter of deciding what to do, how to do it, who will do it and when will it be done. This may seem a very simple approach but that is what good planning is about. As time goes by the progress can be assessed and which may possibly alter the goals or time scale. There is a lot of work to be done in Kilgarvan in regard to derelict buildings, uncared for fences and corrugated iron sheds. This is a great challenge and vast improvements will result from a positive attitude.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone walls of the village are a definite asset. The concrete posts standing in the low stone wall opposite the church could be removed altogether. The wall at the Bantry junction in the village could be treated likewise. A little further up there is a similar dilapidated fence which could be revived. Leaving the village, there is a nice stone wall with ivy cladding. The cemetery provides an opportunity for development and is sadly in need of some attention. The community centre looks well. There are a number of well painted and presented shops which enliven the street. Dereliction and tin rusty sheds seem to be thwarting progress at present.

LANDSCAPING

Some nice roses are planted at the community centre giving a nice effect. The St. Garvans terrace green is attractive. This needs a little attention to the grass and to weeding of the borders. The memorial below the Church of Ireland on the Sneem Road is very tastefully landscaped. Individual gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of a village. The Guesthouse on the Bantry road is nicely treated. Window boxes and hanging baskets help to give a lift to the village in the summer months.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

In such luxuriant countryside surrounds there must be several opportunities for wildlife projects. Often local knowledge and help and co-operation with schools can identify possibilities and these can be included in your plan.

LITTER CONTROL

There is generally good litter control with some offending litter blowing about in places.

TIDINESS

There are possibilities for improvement in this area. The premises beside the community centre, the huge number of free standing advertising signs outside the Top petrol station and the materials stacked at the area opposite the Bantry junction are all areas that could be improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new houses at the church are attractive . The surrounding area to the back and side of these needs a little finishing off. St. Garvans Terrace houses are well kept – a little attention to the seats on the green would be helpful. Individual homes in the immediate surrounds of the village are well cared for.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are nicely treated with stone walls and grass banks - which is a simple formula and very attractive. The approach to the village from the school road continues to be marred by the presence of the rusty shed roofs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is good as you state, that the owners of houses are becoming more concerned now about the appearances of their homes. Every effort is a step forward and progress will succeed with persistence and determination. The nearby motor museum is an interesting asset in the area .