

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCOCK**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180	176

Kilcock, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilcock like many other towns on the edge of Dublin is expanding and has to learn to cope with the rapid growth in the number of its residents. Thank you for the comprehensive map, comments and the photos. The proposed Sli Na Slainte Way is an excellent idea. The centre of this village/town is very important and should be prioritised as there are a number of derelict and unkempt buildings that take away from its overall appearance.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The adjudicator look forward to the development of one of the central buildings in the main square. It seemed as though it is to be retained and refurbished by the school; hopefully that the original form will be kept. The Church looked well and Scoil Iosa was well landscaped. There is a poor cherry tree holding up the notification of planning here though. The Credit Union is a fine building and looked well. Murphy's Coffee Shop was very nice and the Gaelscoil had newly painted railings. David Powderly was well presented. St. Joseph's School is a fine building too. O'Keeffes looked well as did Fox's and Forever Flowers. The Garda Station was having a major overhaul on the day of adjudication. Across the canal, the Courthouse was very well presented with some nice planting, though the plastic flowers did nothing for the Londis Store. The Scoil Nasiunta in the estate which is a low-lying building was well presented though bins outside required repairing.

LANDSCAPING

Some of the premises had made a great effort with planting and presentation. This will hopefully motivate others to follow suit. The planting in front of the Esso Station required weeding. The planting at Pinewood Lawns was good. New tree planting at the Summerhill turn off was admired and will enhance this area. Back in the centre of the village, dahlias beside the Black Forest seemed a little stressed though the day was very hot. The Fairgreen was well cut though it would be advisable to paint the pump totally dark green. Residential estates had made a good effort particularly at Abbeyfield.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The canal is a wonderful amenity and wildfowl were observed on the day of judging. There were also a number of people enjoying the area. Perhaps an information point indicating the type of wildfowl observed could be erected. The Sli Na Slainte is also another opportunity to develop a nature/history trail that

could be used by school children and develop greater awareness.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall, there was very little litter evident in the main street on the day of adjudication. Bins in the main square needed to be refurbished. Bins are also required outside Scoil Dara and in the residential estates. There was some litter also evident at the Fairgreen in the corner by the bridge. A litterbin is also required here. Broken bins were noted in the estate off the Clane road and these need to be repaired.

TIDINESS

The town was reasonably tidy. However, even though the litter was lacking and some of the buildings were well presented, the derelict buildings do cause a problem though the your comments on the plan are noted. Overtime the situation should become more positive. The well-cut grass on most of the approach roads did contribute to the tidiness of the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses and residential estates did vary in their presentations. Estates such as the Courtyard and Abbeyfield looked well and there was some fine planting done here. Pinewood was well kept too. The estates on the Clane approach were not as well kept as there were some weedy areas evident. However, many of the houses and gardens looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Dublin approach was well cut back from the garage though derelict buildings beside the garage does nothing as a welcome. The Dunboyne road had weedy gutters. The road required repairing at Pinewood Lawns. The Galway road was reasonable though there were some rusty gates which required attention. The Clane road was fine and the sweep over the bridge and the planting was well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcock is progressing well in the competition and work is ongoing. The adjudicator looks forward to the plan – however we would suggest that you as a community group also have input into it. Therefore, it would be advisable if you could put down aims and objectives for your town over the next 3/5 years. You need a vision and that vision needs to be translated into a plan. Good luck with future work.