

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCULLEN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	23
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	209	208

Kilcullen, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your development plan and indications of work completed in the last year. This was most helpful and informative. It appears that the Kilcullen Tidy Towns Committee accumulated a lot of clout over the years, thus, benefiting the entire community. It is inevitable that all communities have a certain percentage of latent support but with perseverance this will gradually be overcome. Keep up the good work!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church grounds and buildings are well maintained. The Pioneer Association monument is in excellent condition and well presented with an array of colourful bedding plants. The Church gates and the boundary wall of the boy's school across the road need a coat of paint. Many premises throughout the town centre were impressively maintained eg. Nissan Garage on the Naas Road, White Horse Inn, Tearmonn, Hideout, Bardons and there were others. A number of vacant premises detract from the overall impression of Kilcullen eg. the building beside the Bank of Ireland, McDonnells, Brennans and Columb Brazils.

LANDSCAPING

The parking area at the front of the Fire-Stop Enterprises adds a welcome splash of colour to the Bridge area. Window boxes in Berney's are a nice touch. Link- Kilcullen Business Park display well wed shrubbery beds inside the boundary wall. However, a large number of weeds were evident in the gravelled/cobble area around the main road sign. Planting outside the Bank of Ireland is commendable. The Cross and Passion College looks well with landscaped boundary walls; however, the gates need painting. The town signs in some locations were covered by overgrown hedges and landscaping. Many signs need cleaning, e.g. the Curragh road and the Naas road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Liffey is an asset to Kilcullen and the adjudicator was delighted to see that it was being utilised to the benefit of the local community. However, on the day of adjudication, quite an amount of building debris and piping was present in the Park. In addition the Upper pathway had subsided somewhat. Whilst most outdoor furniture was well maintained the black park seating requires repainting. The Wheelchair access area is commendable and nicely

landscaped. The sheer scale of the park is most impressive and is an excellent wildlife habitat, however a large amount of maintenance is required. Some litter was present in the park; perhaps the placement of a number of bins would remedy this problem eg. associated with the picnic area.

LITTER CONTROL

A scattering of litter was noted around the bins at Bishop Rogan Park. Bins need to be emptied regularly and frequently if litter problems are to be kept in check.

TIDINESS

The town centre of Kilcullen is well presented – the cobble locking is a great feature; Hopefully the maintenance of it will also follow through. Persevere with those who are less co-operative. Cobble locking at the Town hall looked very well as did the cobble area in front of the Bank of Ireland. St. Brigid's Pitch and Putt was exceptionally well maintained. Landscaping and sweeping were in progress on the day of inspection.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in Nicholastown are generally well presented, however attention to detail particularly painting, the maintenance of boundary walls and the weeding of kerbs is imperative. Most gardens are maintained. The large green area with the mature trees is well maintained, however the seating is in need of some maintenance. Logstown is extremely well maintained with outdoor seating and flower-tubs which were newly painted and suitably coloured. Logstown Cottage was immaculate. However, the derelict building at the junction to Logstown needs upgrading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The adjudicator was delighted to see the recycling facilities in the car park adjacent to the Church. As quite a lot of litter was evident the placement of a litterbin here is advised. There is also potential for the development of the green area as a community amenity. The Ballymore Eustace road is in excellent condition – surfacing, markings and landscaping. The Portlaoise road also is in good condition and the stone-wall was noted as were the roadside plantings. The Naas road was well presented, however the wild areas around King Coil were unattractive. The adjudicator suggests that a number of additional signs indicating the location of the Riverside Park be erected.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcullen has many attractive features but you will need to

pay more attention to detail and the finer points of the competition. The Riverside Park is an exceptional secluded amenity. The renovation of a number of neglected premises would greatly enhance the overall impression of Kilcullen. The Heritage Centre is also an asset to the town.