

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILDANGAN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	5	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>157</b>

## **Kildangan, County Kildare.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form, the Kildangan Village Study and accompanying maps. The Kildangan Village Study is a very thorough plan. This could perhaps be adapted for next year's entry and devised into a 3-5 year Tidy Towns plan whereby you can include a more detailed account of proposed activities for the coming years. This would allow for an even greater rise in marks in this section.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Crosskeys pub is well maintained and painted with a variety of window boxes. The window boxes at Kildangan Hall are impressive as are the potted plants and well-maintained hedges at Bridgeside Cottages, which allow for maximum privacy. Our Lady of Victories Church was neat and tidy and the gates had recently been painted. The adjoining school was well presented; however, the boundary wall needs to be painted. Kildangan Stud is an asset to the village with bedding plants of notable impact at the entry gate; neatly trimmed grass and hedgerows greatly enhance the approach road to the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Kilbeg Estate was tastefully landscaped and the choice of plants will provide interest throughout the seasons. Bernie's garden is immaculate - hanging baskets were also noted as were window boxes and potted plants in doorway of the Crosskeys Bar. On the day of inspection Castleview terrace opposite Roches Stop and Shop was awash with colour – from window boxes to potted plants and shrubberies. Roches also had an interesting display of shrubs and plants.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river area at Castlepark is an excellent wildlife attraction. Perhaps planting climbers in this area would take the stark appearance from the protective fencing and therefore enhance the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

New residential estates are being developed in the environs of the village, because of these and other problems, litter will have to be carefully monitored

## **TIDINESS**

Generally speaking Kildangan is a very tidy village with well-maintained estates and individual residences. However, public seating opposite community hall need to be repaired or replaced.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Kilbeg estate is set apart from the village of Kildangan. Two well-maintained bins were noted. Most premises are well presented, however you need to pay more attention to detail, e.g. painting boundary walls. Kildangan Manor will certainly be an asset to the village and already there is evidence of landscaping with the planting of trees in the roadway entering the estate. Castle Park Estate is generally in good condition but, again, attention to detail is required.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The road surfaces in Kilbeg need attention and the signage is poor. Generally, back roads are in good condition though tree/shrub planting should be considered to enhance the approach to the village. The hanging sign for Bernie's Shop should be upgraded or removed as it takes away from the overall impression of the premises and garden.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kildangan is located in an idyllic rural setting. It is important to develop some form of theme to create more uniformity throughout the village as it is spread out over a wide geographic area. The presence of Kildangan Stud greatly enhances the village and other approach roads should aspire to the neat boundary hedgerows and lawns of the stud grounds.