

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMEAD**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	205

Kilmead, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form, map and 5 year plan. You have already achieved many of the goals set out in your plan and the committee must be congratulated on the excellent progress made to date. You should now evaluate what remains to be done under the current plan and start to consider what future projects you would like to undertake.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church with its interesting bell tower and the School are both well presented. The fine new stone wall with postbox opposite Kellys Shop, is a strong entrance feature at this junction. The new wall at the Fitzgerald Graveyard is another worthwhile project. The sign on Kellys Shop needs to be painted. The Kilmead Business Centre would benefit from a fresh coat of paint and the carpark needs to be weeded.

LANDSCAPING

The church and school grounds again looked very well. The cemetery is beautifully maintained and the display of roses at the entrances to both the church and the cemetery is quite splendid. The stone flowerbed opposite the church is pleasantly presented. The People's Millennium Park at the Moat of Ardsull is a superb amenity and was looking wonderful on the adjudication day. The Moat is a great feature and the surrounding park is a welcome escape from the heavy traffic of the N78. The impressive work you have carried out here with your planting programme, the wildlife area and provision of picnic tables and car parking is exemplary and a credit to all involved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Moat and Peoples Park are rich wildlife habitats. The wildflower meadow here was in full bloom and buzzing with insects. The historical and wildlife information board is of great value. The walk on the old road to Kilmead is a good link back to the village and plans to have it sign-posted would be very worthwhile. Development of further walks/a Sli na Slainte Route in the vicinity of the Moat would be of benefit. The Nature Walk and Wildlife Sanctuary at New Line Grove are further valuable resources for the village. The Fitzgerald Graveyard is of great interest. Perhaps an information board could also be considered here, as part of your future plans for this site.

LITTER CONTROL

Your measures for litter control, combined with very few sources of litter in the area contribute to a pleasantly litter free environment.

TIDINESS

The combination of good road surfaces, neat verges and effective weed control adds up to a tidy appearance throughout the village and approach roads.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St. Itas Park is a picture of neatness. The New Line Grove Estate is well presented with attractive planting at the entrance, but a few houses need to paint their boundary fences. Individual houses are carefully maintained and many have very fine gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are presented to a high standard, verges are neatly cut and the natural hedgerows are most attractive. The village name sign opposite Kellys Shop needs to be cleaned. There does not appear to be a name sign on the N78 coming from Athy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmead is an attractive village with a lovely rural atmosphere, despite its proximity to the N78. The local community are obviously very committed to improving the environment for both residents and visitors, as evidenced by the outstanding Millennium Park. Good luck with your future plans.