

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMALLOCK**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2000 | Mark Awarded 1999 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 37 | 36 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 27 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 35 | 34 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 22 | 21 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 21 | 21 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 25 | 25 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 27 | 27 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 213 | 209 |

Kilmallock, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed application form, excellent progress update and concise sketch map which was immense help to this adjudicator in identifying key areas within the town. The strength of the committee can be gauged by the excellent co-operation it has forged with the local authority, and other relevant agencies.

It also seems to have made a positive contribution to the overall urban renewal programme, which has revitalised the town of Kilmallock.

Last year the town was undergoing the main part of the renewal programme but this is nearing completion.

Again credit is due to the local businesses, organisations and local residents for their ongoing sponsorship of the Tidy Towns.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As stated the urban renewal programme has transformed the town and whilst it is not fully completed it already has a very positive effect for instance the widening of the street, new footpaths and the exquisite street lamps are major improvements.

I am looking forward to seeing Sheare Street in a new format, which hopefully will be in keeping with the traditional streetscape that is associated with the town.

The dereliction problem referred to in last years report is being addressed, as there were a number of older premises in the throes of renovation.

When the dust settles literally Kilmallock will be a town worth visiting, not alone because of structural improvements, which will blend the old with the new, but because of its rich history.

It would be unfair to single out individual premises for mention especially as the renovation process has not been completed but it was noticeable that a number had been improved upon since last year

The addition of a town car park was an excellent initiative and Limerick County Council is to be commended for its commitment to this project.

LANDSCAPING

The standard in this category was very good and planting arrangements at both the Riverside Park and the Famine Park were in excellent condition and easily maintained.

There is also a very attractive shrub and flowerbed opposite the Convent on the Limerick Road, which incidentally was being tended to on adjudication day.

Limerick County Council premises had some colourful flower displays.

It is obvious that quite a bit of thought has gone into the

landscaping plans for the town as the selection of trees, shrubs and flowers were very appropriate.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to see that the Committee has encouraged the local schools to become involved in initiating wildlife projects for the River Lubagh and the Riverside Park.

The introduction of information boards at Riverside Park would be enhance the amenity even more.

Keep up the excellent work .

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was vastly improved since last year and again this was taking into account the disruption caused by the ongoing infrastuctural work.

Good to see that the schools are becoming involved in litter awareness programmes, young people tend to be more committed to causes such as litter awareness once they have been convinced of its merits.

TIDINESS

Given the level of dust and residue generated by ongoing work in the town the standard in this category was still quite good.

There was a little untidiness to be seen in the outlying areas, it is important that the Committee give ongoing encouragement to local residents associations to address issues such as untidiness.

Also one has to realise that there are certain circumstances that are outside the control of any committee no matter how active it may be.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was good with long established estates such as Millmount Gortboy leading by good example where premises and communal areas being presented to high standard.

Sheares Avenue, Ashill and Glenfield also deserve a mention for the efforts undertaken and there is credit due to local residents who have shown pride in their own place.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Whilst there was an improvement since last year there was still evidence of weed growth on a few entrance roads.

Given that the Town is in the midst of major change it would be prudent if the County Council were approached to ensure that the signage be in keeping with new developments.

The Bruree Road entrance was quite good with the Industrial

Estate area well maintained.

The Effin/Charleville Road had a little weed growth but other than that was acceptable if not spectacular.

The Kilfinane Road has as a number of attractive features such as the Railway Bridge which could be enhanced a little to make it more inviting.

The Knocklong/Tipperary Road still has the very untidy industrial yard in contrast to the well-kept FCA premises and individual residences.

Limerick /Bruff Road was in good condition but the road surface of the circular road at present used for diversion in and out of the town is very uneven.

The back area into the mart and near Paul and Vincent is still in need of tidying.

On the whole the condition of name and directional signs was quite good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmallock is undergoing major changes for the better and the response of the community as whole has been very positive.

In tandem with this ongoing development the Tidy Towns Committee has played its part in addressing and trying to solve difficult issues.