

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMEEDY**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	167

Kilmeedy, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the well documented application form and practical sketch map.

It was noted in last years report that for the size of the village the committee was large and for logistical reasons alone it should be sub divided into little task groups.

I would suggest that next year the 3 year work plan should reflect this.

The co-operation between committee, statutory bodies, local agencies such as the West Limerick Resource Co and the community is quite good.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most premises, both commercial and private, in the Village and the immediate surrounds were in good condition with the exception of a few notably one on the Croom Road.

It is important that the Committee try and encourage everyone to contribute to the Tidy Towns effort by ensuring that they try to present premises to the highest standards.

The School and Garda Barracks looked very well and there were a number of good examples of traditional rural village shop fronts like Flynns.

The Church and grounds were well maintained without being ostentatious.

St. Itas Graveyard was in splendid condition and maintenance work was ongoing on the day of adjudication.

There has been a big improvement in the condition of the footpaths in the village and work was ongoing when the adjudication took place.

Farm related activities tend to create a little untidiness at times, but it is good to see that the owners of the farmyard in the village have kept the premises tidy despite the nature of the work.

LANDSCAPING

There is a continuation of the landscaping programme initiated last year and there were examples of nice and appropriate planting arrangements coupled colourful flowerbeds in and around the Village.

There is an excellent example of an effective planting arrangement opposite the graveyard on the Dromcollogher Road.

I would reiterate what was written in last years report that the Committee keep in contact with Limerick County Council Horticultural Dept for advise.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Again I would suggest that the Schoolchildren be encouraged to be part of a wildlife project. There are a number of ways to encourage wildlife and the area has natural forest which could be the focal point for amenity walks or nature trails.

Advice should be sought from an experienced Wildlife Enthusiast.

LITTER CONTROL

Suggestions, to spread the responsibility for litter management among members of the committee, made in last years report have been acted upon.

The result of this has been very positive, as there was very little litter evident on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

Again the performance in this category was quite good except that a number of road signs were a little tatty.

In fact the condition of road signs in general around the country was a little erratic and local councils should be aware of small village needs in this context.

Weed control was acceptable as there was very little overgrowth to be seen.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Kilmeedy as stated in last years report is in itself a residential area and most premises and private dwellings were kept in very good condition with some nice gardens and well presented boundary walls.

This reflects well on the residents of the Village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard improved somewhat from last year and great efforts are being to further improve the entrances into the village.

The Kilmeedy Millennium Plaque is very impressive as entry focal point.

It was noticeable that the grass verges and hedgerows were kept in accordance with.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilmeedy is making progress each year in the Tidy Towns competition.

Just reiterate what I stated earlier, consider breaking up the committee into sub groups I feel that it would be a more productive to take this course of action.