

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILLUCAN**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	20	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	14	14
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	16
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>137</b>

## **Killucan, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Killucan is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The view of the church spire on approaching Killucan framed by stands of mature trees elicits a feeling of curiosity and anticipation.

Do try to work on developing the historical aspects of your lovely village which are unique to Killucan and promote these in the presentation of the village. Good luck with the ongoing work on the fair green.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The boundary wall of the school needs to be upgraded and the timber merchant yards should be screened. The motor services property needs upgrading to its roadside area. The garda station could do with a facelift, however its sash windows should be retained upon refurbishment. The on-going development at the market house looks promising, particularly its boundary treatment. What plans are there for the building itself? Well presented buildings include the Ennis Public House, Bryans and the Village Store. The door of McKeons should be repainted soon.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Well done on the development of the park, it looks superb. No doubt elements will be added as time goes by. We look forward to its completion although we acknowledge that it looks very well now. Some wire and post fencing on the Delvin entrance could be planted with a combination of beech and hawthorn hedgerow. The wire and post fencing of the 'Velux' yards (a builders suppliers yards) should be planted with a climbing plant. The landscaped banks which appear to be the roadside boundary of a private dwelling located across from the park looks superb. The palisade fencing of the timber yards should also be planted with a climbing plant. Some of the mature trees need a little attention.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Always choose indigenous species in your landscaping activities as these enhance wildlife. If you do not have a particular project in mind consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for some good ideas.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was not as good as it could have been during adjudication, there was a light scattering throughout the village. More regular sweepings seem to be the only answer.

## **TIDINESS**

It is a pity about the car wreck on the roadside beside the new park. Do try to have this removed as soon as possible. The site housing the old vehicles and machinery bits and pieces is an eyesore and a real problem under this heading.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The old residential property located across from the 'Velux' builders suppliers yard has some fine traditional features which hopefully will be retained upon refurbishment. A second residential property with fine traditional features which should be retained is located just across from the market house. The overall standard of presentation under this heading is good.

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

Most litter bins need to be either cleaned or upgraded by painting, etc. New footpaths in the village look well, well done! The old style telephone kiosk is nice, try to keep it well painted.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Killucan is a charming village with a lot of potential. Much work needs to be accomplished, e.g. commercial properties, yards, etc. tend to spoil their streetscapes. Some work on weedy kerbs and roadside edges is necessary.