

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKEE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	45	45
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	234	229

Kilkee, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed Entry Form and the appendix to the Entry Form and extra data. All of this information was of great help to the adjudicators

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Kilkee now presents a satisfactory overall appearance. This is quite an achievement considering the expansion and change which has taken place in the past few years. Roads and sidewalks which were in very poor condition have been repaired or renewed. Ocean Cove Hotel is a great improvement on Atlantic Hotel. There is a great air of renewal. The Committee should observe those items which still need attention, list them, and attend to them. These would include unsightly weeds, additional painting and repairs to the fabric of the town and dereliction. The condition of down pipes should be noted. It was observed that quite a few do not reach the ground but are emptying on the façade of the buildings so the walls are getting very wet. It is admirable to highlight heritage buildings and artefacts, such as the churches and the Famine Cross.

LANDSCAPING

On the whole there is a well-cared atmosphere to the landscaping. Mostly it is well-tended grass and shrubs. Flower beds and planters were very pleasant, but more permanent planting should be incorporated. There are many shrubs which survive surprisingly well in harsh climatic conditions like that of Kilkee. There are even some trees which will grow larger than a bush. There are a few specialist nurseries along the western coast who specialise in such plants. These should be investigated and some experiments done to see how successful they would be. The Millennium Gardens will be a good addition when completed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are tremendous possibilities for presenting wildlife and ecology. The adjudicator looks forward to the implementation of the Kilkee Habitat Trail which promises to be a most exciting project. The Nature Quest Centre just outside the town should be a most successful undertaking, providing as it does 'hands on' experience of ecology in a wide diversity of habitats, including the tidal wetlands of the Shannon Estuary

LITTER CONTROL

Litter Control has been most successful. It is quite an achievement to have a town with such a high summer population, virtually litter free. Keep up the good work!

TIDINESS

There is a very good impression of tidiness throughout the town. Problem areas have been successfully treated. There are still a few and these should be listed as suggested in Built Environment above.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the residential area are new, part of all the recent redevelopment. Almost all are well kept and attractively painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There have been great improvements in roads and sidewalks. Traffic is well controlled, in many places one-way, and parking has been clearly marked out. Road and direction signage is most satisfactory.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a great holiday atmosphere in Kilkee. This is aided by the well kept buildings, attractively painted, good shop fronts, well tended landscapes and flower boxes and most pleasant signage. Congratulations once again.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (29/07/01)

The town of Kilkee was very busy on a sunny adjudication day. Litter control seemed to be a problem on the second adjudication day due to the high volume of visitors. Overflowing litter bins should be emptied on a more frequent basis. The attractive old 1930's building that sports Arcadia Amusements was admired. Egan's, the Marble Bar and several other buildings sport some unusual plasterwork detailing which is traditional to the area. The adjudicator was pleased to note the blue flag status of the beach. A broken down concrete post and wire fence at the junction of the Lahinch Road with that leading down from the main square, has been a problem for quite a number of years now and should be attended to. Some jaunty gladioli were admired in a colourful garden opposite the AIB bank.