

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLIMER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	180

Killimer, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Committee is to be congratulated on its very fine presentation and especially on the production of an Environmental Enhancement Plan. This is really a core requirement of the Tidy Towns Competition. This plan explains your future programme of work and targets to be aimed at.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The sculpture of the Colleen Bawn and its enclosure is visually undermined by the storage of garage signs within the enclosure. These signs should be stored elsewhere. Some trees on the road down to the ferry terminal need to be attended to, some need re-staking due to wind and two dead trees need replacing. Large planting at end of road, though very satisfactory, needs some clearing out and weeding. Car park No. 2, at present, is used as a construction storage area and gives a temporary air of untidiness. The adjudicator found that the traffic signs from Kilrush to Killimer need reconsideration. The proposed cycle and pedestrian paths are an excellent proposal and the adjudicator looks forward, with much interest, to these proposals for next year's entry. The adjudicator is concerned regarding the quality of stone walls, in particular their capping. Over recent years, a practice has crept in where a cement slurry is used as a capping, sometimes with a series of widely spaced small stones. This practice is not visually acceptable when compared with the fine tradition of older stone walls through Clare. (Advice might be sought from Duchas or the DoELG.

LANDSCAPING

There are many fine landscape proposals in the Enhancement Plan and it is hoped that some of these will be incorporated in next year's entry.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are differing habitats within and close to the terminal area on which a series of themes could be developed, such as beach area, mud flats and meadows. Outdoor boards could be prepared in conjunction with the local school.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was practically free of litter on the day of adjudication and this included the car parking areas. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

Though there was a general air of tidiness throughout, nevertheless there were areas that needed attention. Possibly, in discussion with the farm owners, the tyre covered

silo storage adjoining the main road could be moved to the rear and side of the buildings. The shop and filling station area could do with another litter bin, as could the car park at the terminal. However the constant removal of filled litter bins is equally important.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The front gardens of single homes throughout the village were excellent and add greatly to the appearance of the area. Additional tree planting of indigenous trees should now be considered, both in the public and private housing areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A narrow band of grass cutting along the verges is needed, but additional wild flower mixtures could be considered for the remaining wide verges.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A pleasant place. The adjudicator looks forward to the continued implementation of the proposals laid out in the Enhancement Plan.