

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILBRITTAIN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	29
The Built Environment	40	34	30
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	24	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	219	209

Kilbrittain, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilbrittain is a village steeped in historical significance, with a wealth of interesting and unique buildings. Your introduction to the village made extremely interesting reading, particularly in terms of the stone connections to Wales particularly in relation to the village name. You would appear to have very thorough objectives in regard to future developments. The adjudicator was pleased to note that you consider your work to be just as important in terms of year round maintenance.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the Castle and Dowd House were admired and are quite charming. Most of the buildings and commercial premises of the town were extremely bright and well maintained such as Ann's Hair Salon, the Health Centre and the Top Garage and Foodstore (with its tiled map of surrounding area on its wall). The attractive planting to the front of the pink Garda Station were also admired. The Kilbrittain Inn looked extremely well but, unfortunately, its attractive hand painted sign was looking a quite shabby and should be painted up before next year's competition. The small and charming National School was admired and the Church and grounds were well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaped areas throughout the village looked well cared for. The picnic area by the waterfall was well maintained but the hedge closer to the village contained quite a large gap which should be filled in. The village nameplates, set as they are in stone with planted beds filled with pansies and geraniums to the front, were admired. The centrally located grotto was extremely well maintained, although the coping to its boundary wall looked quite grimy and should be painted up before next year's competition. Some weeding was necessary to the parochial gardens and perhaps the tarmacadam is in need of relaying.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The adjudicator was pleased to note that the local estuary is a special area of conservation and home to a vast range of unique bird life. Certainly much was vocal and evident on the day! The altering of the wildlife signage to suit nature's seasons is certainly a very clever idea! The introduction of your Slí na Sláinte route must provide great enjoyment to both resident and visitor.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard in this category of the competition was good on the day apart from one or two problem areas such as some papers on the Bandon Road.

TIDINESS

Although the village gave a generally neat and ordered appearance on adjudication day there were one or two problem areas. The piers at the graveyard appeared to be quite flaky as did the phone box. An open space containing a caravan on the Ballinspittle Road presumably will be developed in time as, at the moment, it looks quite unsightly. A rusty tin roof to a shed / out building near the village nameplate sign on the Ballinspittle Road was sharply in contrast to the high standard of presentation along the rest of the road. Dead weeds at the base of the stone wall of the Ballinspittle approach looked most unfortunate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was very good with most houses looking extremely bright and colourful. The bright yellow house and boundary wall on the Ballinspittle side of the village was admired as were all the cheerful buildings and houses along the Main Street. The new houses in stone and plaster were admired as was the house adjacent to the Post Office with its cheerful hanging baskets filled with red geraniums.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition was reasonable. The Ballinspittle Road was fine along the Bandon Road the wild rhododendron bushes, overhanging ash and beech trees and ferns were greatly admired. The hedgerow had been cut back – do be careful to note bird nesting times when maintaining same. As mentioned by last year's adjudicator perhaps you could consider getting in touch with Cork County Council in relation to providing more directional signs within the village and surroundings. The High Road on the Kinsale side of the village had obviously been sprayed with weed killer but the dead weeds had yet to be removed and looked quite unsightly.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilbrittain is a quiet attractive village which has progressed significantly in the competition over the years and this year was no exception.