

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCROHANE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	208

Kilcrohane, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator is very concerned to note that a Tidy Towns Work Programme or Plan was not submitted with the entry documentation.

Progress in the competition will be dependent on everyone working towards the same ends. With this in mind you must prepare a "3 /5 Year rolling Tidy Towns Work Programme". This programme should have the support of the community, local groups other agencies and the County Council. It would therefore guide you Tidy Towns actions for the next three to five years. The Work Programme will detail the Tidy Towns objectives to be achieved by your committee in the years ahead. The preparation of such a Plan that is updated annually is now an essential aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition.

Do keep in mind that what is required is a simple Plan or document.

A Tidy Towns Handbook was issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to all Tidy Towns Committees. This is a highly useful document which will be a great help both to established Tidy Towns Committees and to all new entrants. It is divided into a series of seven Action Sheets that together cover all aspects of the Competition. It might be most useful for a committee to run a series of seminar evenings based on the contents of this Tidy Towns Handbook.

The map supplied was most useful to the adjudicator and all points noted on the map were visited on adjudication day. Thank you also for the photographs.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone entrance to the Community Field is a worthwhile project, as is your work on gates. The acquisition of the old Packing Station by Cork County Council is strongly welcomed and hopefully the appearance of this area will improve. Fitzpatrick's Bar and the nearby Church are well presented and the landscaping in the Church grounds is eye-catching. The National School is a very prominent building in the village and the strong colour works well. The shop at the river-bridge is in need of painting, and a general tidy up in this area is desirable. The mounted Map of the area is a useful facility for visitors. The J.F. O'Mahony premises is a lovely old traditional shop-front that is being well maintained. At the Health Centre the gate needs to be replaced – do make sure that the replacement is painted as soon as it goes up! The Playground looks well and is an important local amenity.

LANDSCAPING

The Johnny Donovan landscaping is excellent and well maintained and provides an excellent welcome to the village of Kilcrohane. Do try and develop further areas of landscaping.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The amenity area by the river looks well but litter was noted here. Your river area is very important for wildlife. Do try and develop further amenities that will encourage wildlife to your area. The first step however is to identify the species which inhabit any such areas. Wildlife can be encouraged by the planting of native berry producing trees and shrubs. The provision of bird and bat roosts and nesting sites in any old buildings might also be considered by your Committee. Make sure that any wildlife areas to which the public have access are properly signposted. In terms of access to remember the needs of people with disabilities. The development of these amenity walks and nature trails will add greatly to your area in the years ahead.

Has your Committee considered the erection of some information plaques about the wildlife to be seen in the area ?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was noted on the Goat's Path approach, in the river, and occasionally in the village centre.

TIDINESS

Weed growth was noted at the Community Hall, and this building needs to be re-painted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses are very well presented, and the construction of the four new houses is noted. Hopefully they will be properly landscaped. A very well built stone entrance to Dunmahon House was noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are very well presented and obviously much work has gone into this. However in some instances the grass and bank cutting has been done very roughly, and cut grass has not been removed. In the interests of wildlife cutting should not take place before July. All cut grass should be removed as soon as it is cut.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcrohane is a very attractive village and your Committee is doing very good work. Good luck in your plans for 2002.