

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLEAGH**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	191

Killeagh, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As outlined in your work programme for this year, one of your main objectives is to work in cooperation with the Local authority, Fas and schools etc. This is a good start particularly getting the pupils in the schools involved will help to create a greater awareness of environmental matters throughout the whole community. The village is a busy one with a considerable amount of traffic passing through, but the efforts which your committee is making in association with the other relevant bodies will contribute to bring about further improvement.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The maintenance of buildings in the village continues to be quite good. Public buildings such as the Garda Station, schools etc. were all well presented. The Community Centre premises were also well maintained. Business premises in the village such as Centra, Colemans and Londis were well presented and the adjoining area was clean and tidy. The church in the village is a fine building and excellently maintained. The accommodation premises of Tallons looked attractive.

LANDSCAPING

The community plants and maintains a number of flower beds throughout the village right through from the Cork end to the Tallow and Youghal roads. At the Tallow road junction, there is an excellent colourful display. However the Tidy Towns Committee and the community should give some consideration to a more permanent planting programme such as shrubs and trees in appropriate locations. This consideration is probably reflected in your work programme, where you state that other ways to enhance the area will be looked at when building works etc., which are in progress are completed. This would be worth bearing in mind.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The community should continue with its efforts to keep the river free of refuse, weed growth etc. A river in the vicinity of a village is a great natural amenity and should always be maintained to a clean standard. In such a situation, it will prove to be a valuable source of some wildlife species which, as you suggest in your programme, will be visible for the enjoyment of the community and also for the benefit of visitors. The community is very fortunate to have an amenity like Glenbower Wood in the vicinity. It is an excellent amenity and provides good habitat for many species of wildlife. At the time of adjudication the woodland area had very little litter but a very rusted tar barrel was in place for refuse. Perhaps this container could be replaced with something more appropriate.

LITTER CONTROL

For a village with such a heavy traffic flow, the control of litter throughout the village is quite good. The main street of the village had very little litter and areas such as in the vicinity of the Community Centre and the Bottle Bank were quite tidy. The problem of litter is a persistent one but it can be controlled with continuous vigilance by an entire community.

TIDINESS

The level of tidiness in the village was also quite good. The street areas were generally tidy especially in the immediate areas of business premises. Other areas in the vicinity of the cemetery, church, etc. were all quite tidy. The entrance to Pairc Ristead Ui Chinneide was quite tidy. However, the area of the old railway remains a sizeable problem for the community.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas in the vicinity of the village were well presented again this year. The residential area opening off the Tallow road, where there is a very attractive planting programme, looked well. Houses and gardens across from Scoil Feargail Naomfa, the National School, are very nicely presented. The residential area on the Mogeely road was well maintained and the green area was neatly trimmed. The new housing development at Woodview is noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some traffic signs, poles etc. in the vicinity of the village are in need of cleaning and repainting. In some cases, poles for traffic signs etc. are quite rusted. The repairs to the wall at the old cemetery are noted. The Mogeely approach road was quite tidy. The approach road from Youghal was of a very good standard but it was noted that some traffic signs on this approach were in need of repainting. The Tallow road was also very tidy. The best of the approach roads was that from Cork, flower beds here were excellently maintained and the grass areas were very neatly trimmed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

In working to a planned programme, the Tidy Towns Committee and the community in cooperation with the public bodies are on the right course to bring about improvement. The targets, which you are setting, are achievable if you continue to get the cooperation of the entire local community and relevant agencies. It is hoped you will continue to make progress with your efforts.