

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMURRY**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	22
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Kilmurry, Co. Cork.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You have mentioned a work programme in your application for last year's competition - this does not appear to have been drawn up. In order to progress further in the competition you will need to address this issue. A map of the village would also have been useful on adjudication day.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Public and commercial premises of the village looked quite inconsistent – although some were well cared for on adjudication day. Sean O's Bar and J. Galvin's should be painted up before next year's competition as they appeared quite grubby. A boundary wall to the yard area in this vicinity also looked quite unfortunate. Sheila's Shop was fine and the Catholic Church had been freshly painted with attractive flower tubs outside. Projecting plastic signage is a practice which should be discouraged. These should be replaced with ones of a more traditional timber variety. St. Andrew's Church of Ireland is quite charming and was well presented on the day. P. O'Regan's is a charming traditional shop front but is in need of painting.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Incidental landscaped spaces along approach roads and in the village centre looked well on adjudication day. The planted tubs to the grass verge on the Crookstown Road were well presented as was the stone planted bed in the village centre. The ivy to the boundary wall of the new graveyard is coming along well, as indeed are the relatively new trees that have been planted in the village. The adjudicator admired the restored village pump. A charming incidental planted area by the stone wall of the old graveyard was also admired.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a category of the competition in which Kilmurry is indeed fortunate, located as it is in close proximity to Kilmurry Wood. The car park and entrance area to this vicinity is extremely well maintained with its attractive wooden bridge and picnic area. Perhaps you could consider designing some information boards to be located in this vicinity and possibly, in the village centre indicating areas of wildlife interest in the vicinity.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard on the day was extremely good. The village and approach roads were virtually litter free.

### **TIDINESS**

Concrete post and wire fences should be replaced with stone walling which is put to good effect elsewhere throughout the

village. The tin sheds on the Crookstown Road looked unfortunate and would look extremely cheerful if painted in their traditional red colour.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A grubby boundary wall to a house opposite the pub looked most unfortunate. Most of the houses on Macroom Road were well kept with much fine stone boundary walling. An attractive garden extending to the roadside created a good impression. St. Mary's Terrace – both in terms of the houses and public open space - was extremely well maintained. However the semi-detached houses beyond contrasted with this in terms of their presentation. A derelict cottage on the Crookstown Road looked quite sad – however an attractive garden to a bungalow further on this road was admired.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The standard in this category of the competition was extremely good with the welcome signs in Irish. The attractive stone walling on the Bandon Road, with neatly cut hedgerows, overhanging trees and foxgloves was admired. The grassy banks to the Macroom Road had been cut back and the wild roses to the hedgerows were admired. The road surface however could have been to a higher standard. The road to the Church of Ireland was quite charming sylvan and extremely well maintained, as was the Crookstown Road.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kilmurry is an attractive village with its centrally located old cemetery, around which one circulates. Do ensure that you submit your five year work programme with next year's entry.