

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFLYNN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	186	186

Kilflynn, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning entry form, complete with progress report and outline of plans and problems. Your ability to plan ahead is commendable and ideally you should form a three-year plan that would chart the way forward for shared development. The new houses and further demand for building sites give you both opportunity and challenge to improve the overall appearance of Kilflynn.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings looked well again this year. The Heritage was not open to this adjudicator for the second time in two years. This old church is a splendid building and well landscaped outside. Perhaps an information plaque could be erected giving details of history, past and present usage etc. The school is well presented on this important approach road. Parkers Bar looked well again this year, together with the Post Office.

LANDSCAPING

For several years now this adjudicator has been treated to a blaze of colour at the village cross. The cross is both your focal point and your strong point and the great array of colour is attractive and reflects great community and individual effort. You do have a problem with poorly presented farmyards. Even the painting of farm gates a bright colour would improve. Much of previous year's work is now improving with age and illustrates the great long-term value of tree planting. The introduction to the village at the bridge is good and appealing. The bridge too is well presented. The Holy Well should be signposted with distance marking at the bridge. Visitors in particular are uncomfortable not knowing how far their journey is necessary to get to the well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential here to raise your marks and the river, and potential river walks offer great scope for promoting and popularising wildlife. You should do a survey of the areas common wildlife species.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good and does not appear to present major problems. Litterbins were well spaced and seemed adequate in numbers.

TIDINESS

You have problems with tidiness due in particular to a great number of poorly presented open and enclosed spaces. Dereliction, unoccupied and disused premises, together

with badly kept farm and machinery entrances all combine to keep your marks down in this section.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is good to witness increased house building, as this will add stability to the village composition. It also gives you an opportunity to recruit new energy for your committee and provides an opportunity for an enhanced village environment. The older houses in particular are well presented and the high colour is praiseworthy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surface generally is poor and there are many potholes on the road down by the church. Some overgrowth was noticed on the bridge on the right hand side as you enter the village. Developers of new houses should be encouraged to use traditional materials and adhere to traditional design where feasible. This would not include PVC windows and in particular PVC doors.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done on a good performance. You should try and get the full backing of the community and tackle the black spots mentioned in this and previous reports. Try and get a plan for the village, this would then become a useful guide for progress.