

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILGARVAN**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	9	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>175</b>

## **Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry**

### **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. Thank you for the town Map which was useful during adjudication.

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 your 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 BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church looked well on adjudication and it occupies a prominent position in the town. The entrance to the GAA Grounds is extremely impressive; the seats in front of the Club-House need to be re-painted. Nearby Quills is a beautiful development and the landscaping here is most impressive. This is one of the locations for your bird boxes. In a number of instances gable walls of houses have not been painted and this matter should receive attention at an early date. The School is well presented and your bird box here was noted. The Community Centre is another building excellently presented with a good colour choice and a rich range of flowers. The building might be further improved if the narrow concrete banding a first floor level was painted a contrasting colour.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The new shrub bed near the new houses looks very well on the slope above the road. Opposite the Church the flower boxes on the low stone wall are effective. There are some fine

stone walls in Kilgarvan, especially that near the Hostel.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

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 do remember the needs of people with disabilities. The development of these amenity walks and nature trails will add greatly to you area in the years ahead.

Has your Committee considered the erection of some information plaques about the wildlife to be seen in the area ? The bird boxes now in place are a good start.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Some litter was noted on the Kenmare approach. In the town centre litter control was good on adjudication day.

## **TIDINESS**

On the Kenmare approach there are a number of issues noted by the adjudicator as follows – the long white wall at the Speed Limit sign is in need of repainting. At the right hand side here an untidy open space was noted, and there is another untidy area below the road. The old steel pole no longer seems to serve any useful purpose. Watch out for weed growth around buildings and where the road meets the pavement. The open space near the supermarket looks untidy and perhaps can be screened from view. On the approach road from the school two derelict buildings were noted. Try and see if you can get permission from property owner to white-wash external walls, Windows could be boarded up and painted matt black. In this way the original derelict property can become a feature of your village. At least one abandoned car was noted in the town centre.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential areas are well presented and attractive new houses were noted on the Kenmare approach road. Boundary walls of some houses in Kilgarvan are in need of re-painting, and in some cases houses would be improved by the addition of a small level of landscaping. St. Garvin's Terrace looks well. The long wall here leading up to the Graveyard is in need of re-painting in white.

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

On the Kenmare approach road verges have been cut and fine stone walls were noted here. Watch out for long grass growth at the metal crash barriers in Kilgarvan. No work appears to have been done on the Bantry approach road and this is a road used by visiting tour coaches. Work is also

needed on the approach road from the School. Verges need to be cut and weeds removed. The corrugated iron roofs visible from here would be improved by painting them green.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The preparation of your Action Plan is a key priority. Remember to keep it simple and your Committee can put it together. Good luck in your work for 2002.