

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDANGAN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	19
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	178	167

Kildangan, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kildangan is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the copy of your three to five year plan. The plan is well thought out and your objectives are admirable, we wish you well in their implementation. It is good to see that you are working in close co-operation with various bodies to provide a better environment for both the community and visitors. It is also good to note your objective to promote an appreciation of both your cultural and your wildlife heritage. We wish you well with the church carpark.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the church and the school and their grounds are presented to the highest standards, well done. The boundary wall of the church needs some attention before next year's competition. The re-painting of the school boundary wall has been noted. The red door of an outbuilding marking the entrance to the new residential development across from Bridgeside Cottages could be repainted. The roof of this building could be treated also. Congratulations on the flood lighting on Our Lady of the Victories church and on the refurbishment of the Coach House. Well done on obtaining the paint free of charge for the Parish Hall project.

LANDSCAPING

All stretches of hedgerow throughout the village are presented to the highest standard and new stretches of hedgerow have been noted also, well done. The hawthorn trees were in flower during adjudication and looked quite magnificent with their display of flowers (in the Kildangan Stud property). Young trees in the estate opposite Bridgeside Cottages development are establishing themselves well. Congratulations on the planting of screening plants dividing Castle Park from the stream. Native trees are a good choice. Your plan to extend tree planting to the near side of the fence next year to provide a linear effect along this section is good. At the time of adjudication, flower displays were not yet in evidence but don't be disappointed as the adjudicator admired the presentation of grass verges, hedgerows, shrubberies and trees. Your plans for a plant sale with an input from children by preparing and filling the window boxes is imaginative and no doubt will bear fruit.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your initiative to encourage awareness and appreciation of wildlife amongst the local primary school children by organising the sponsored art competition will, no doubt,

achieve its objective and the village will be the better for it. It is good to note that a count of bird species has been undertaken. Perhaps threats to wildlife might be identified and necessary protection / conservation steps taken.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good, well done. It is also good to note the monitoring and control of litter by residents within their own estates and by businesses in specific areas around the village. Your plan to nominate a volunteer to undertake regular litter inspections and clearance is innovative and we would welcome any reports you would have on its success in next year's application. The small depository for spent batteries at the local primary school sounds interesting. We wish you well with the acquisition of a location for the proposed bottle bank. Ensure its surrounds are maintained free of bags, etc. which can give rise to litter.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness. As always give out reminders to property owners regarding the presentation of their curtilage areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Bridgeside Cottages is an attractive residential development which is well presented. Remind householders of their responsibility regarding boundary walls etc. A good overall presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Stone walls throughout the village and its environs are a very attractive feature. The refurbishment of old walls using the original stones is admirable. The road from the 'Crosskeys Bar and Lounge' through the village appears to have been recently tarmacadamed and looks well. It is good to note that you are working on the provision of footpaths to link both ends of the village. It is strongly recommended that you acquire village nameplates as soon as possible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Kildangan is one of a lovely village in a beautiful setting and a community with a deep commitment to its environment.