

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKEA**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	26
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	197

Kilkea, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilkea is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed application. We note the lack of details of a planned work programme, spanning the next three to five years. This presents a difficulty in terms of your progress in the competition as the village is marked for future plans as well as for work accomplished in the past year. You should make a list of your objectives, spanning the next three years and how you expect to achieve them and submit this with next year's application. It does not have to be prepared by a professional, a simple one or two page plan will suffice. Kilkea is a beautiful village which is mainly residential in character. Its main feature is the wonderful Kilkea Castle and its grounds including the golf course. Some nature trails through woodland areas and local walks should be further developed and perhaps brought to Slí na Sláinte standards in terms of signposting etc. The village in this way can create a stronger connection with its immediate environs.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and church were very well presented and, of course, the Castle and its grounds are beyond reproach. The school boundary walls needs attention.

LANDSCAPING

Mature trees and hedgerows throughout the village and its environs are a pleasure to behold and there is no great need for flower displays. A few planters were noted here and there throughout the village, some of which were empty. If they are not to be planted, they should be removed altogether. Where young trees have been planted, their surrounding grassed areas should be cut back to give them more of a chance to grow and also to show them to their best advantage. Some items of street furniture needed cleaning or general upgrading, for example some public seating.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The small stream which runs through the village presents an opportunity for a wildlife project, maybe a species count could be done for this wetland habitat. Other opportunities are present for woodland habitats and hedgerow habitats. The idea behind this heading is to promote an awareness of wildlife and its importance, to identify threats together with necessary protective measures in the face of development.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent. Do send in details of your litter

management programme as these can earn you further marks under this heading also. Litter bins appear to be well sited.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Be vigilant regarding weed growth along kerbs and the base of walls. Pay particular attention to the side and rear areas also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some residential properties on the Moone road are in need of cleaning or painting. The majority of properties are well painted. We note an application for planning permission in the village centre for further residential development.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads in general had not been cut by the time of first adjudication, however the displays of wildflowers were very pleasant as these were in full bloom. The roadsign on the Moone road could be refurbished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Kilkea is highly favourable. Try to ensure that the character of the village is not destroyed by future developments.