

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILL**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	35
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	36	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	244	239

Kill, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kill is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. The village boasts many fine features which can be enjoyed by the travelling public from approach roads. The entrance to Kill from the Hartstown road is most impressive with the view of the church steeple. Congratulations on a substantial increase in marks this year. At your level in the competition this is a great achievement.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school building itself looks well, however some sections of its boundary wall need cleaning, or painting or whitewashing. The old church is a key focal point in the village and the mature trees in its grounds are quite stately. The Olde House looks exceptionally well this year. The Dew Drop Inn continues to impress as does the adjacent supermarket, however the planters of the former need to be replanted. The retaining walls of the Health Centre need attention.

LANDSCAPING

Some of the planters were empty, particularly those around the Clarendon Court development. The new Parish Park is a grand achievement, well done! The Tidy Towns amenity feature on the Hartwell road was very much admired as was the landscaped feature opposite the entrance to St. Patrick's Park. The landscaped area around the pump marking the entrance from the Hartwell road was much admired also, although the grass here needed to be trimmed. Landscaping at the Kill GAA centre is not being well maintained, long grass is spoiling the appearance and perhaps stunting the growth of young trees planted here. Some consideration might be given to planting the fencing with beech hedgerow or a combination of beech and hawthorn. Landscaped areas with their semi-mature trees along the main street are delightful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stretch of river bank accessible from the village centre is a fine amenity development. Perhaps a species count of the hedgerow out the Hartwell road might be considered as a wildlife project. Do try to eliminate the goose grass from this stretch of hedgerow as it is invasive.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good, well done! Some litter bins need attention, for example one at the southern end of the village near the junction with the carriageway. Do keep us informed of your litter control activities as this information can earn marks also.

TIDINESS

No significant problems were noted under this heading. Ensure that all building materials are removed after completion of construction work.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new housing developments at Earl Court and Rochford Abbey are being finished to a high standard and existing residential developments are very well maintained and presented. The stands of Birch trees in River Lawns are magnificent. Both The Gables and Whitethorn Grove continue to impress in their presentation. Some residential properties near the Village Store need to be cleaned or painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well done for maintaining a high standard of presentation in the face of some much construction work. Street furniture looked well and side and back areas were tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kill is a beautiful village which rightfully earns the admiration of the travelling public. Your new Parish Park is a wonderful amenity development for the community.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/01)

An immediate impression of a very well cared for village is apparent on entry to Kill village. The contribution made on the main road by Kill is very significant too. Tree plantings of recent years are now providing great benefit and form continuity with the more mature plantings. The stone estate names in the village are an attractive feature as is the stone kerbing and seat opposite the post office.

The Amenity Park is attractive and is progressing; the gates were locked unfortunately. The planters mentioned at the first adjudication outside the Dew Drop Inn seem to have been removed. The remarks concerning the GAA grounds above are endorsed, particularly as the season progresses. Hopefully the removal of overhead cables will be soon. The river with railway sleepers used for making miniature weirs is novel and effective. The cottages opposite Clarendon are a delight. Some litter was noted along by the supermarket. The grass surface on the path leading to the new Earls Court estate is attractive now but will not be serviceable in winter.