

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMEAD**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>212</b>

## **Kilmead, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Kilmead is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for this year's submission. We note the absence of a plan for Kilmead and encourage you to submit one next year as it is difficult to progress in the competition without one. Congratulations on work achieved to date and your interpretation of what is unique to your village and the celebration of this through landscaping. Congratulations also on your excellent relationship with the local FAS office and Kildare County Council. It is not surprising that adjudicators of previous years have not mentioned the Ardscoil Moate in their reports. Normally adjudicators adjudicate areas within the limits defined by either nameplates or speed limit signs and the Ardscoil Moate is a considerable distance from the village and is not signposted as being connected in any way to Kilmead. If the community have a responsibility of any kind in relation to the development, then perhaps the village namestone could be located near here with a 'Fáilte Go Dtí An Kilmead' sign. It is good to note your awareness of your heritage and how you chose to present this. The fifteenth century Fitzgerald Grave Development is a fine feature and the signposted walk is a valuable amenity heritage.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church and its grounds together with its boundary wall look quite magnificent this year. The adjacent carpark is nicely presented also. Well done on the presentation of the school as well. The view of the church framed by trees on either side on approaching from the housing estates is a visual treat.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting of seventeen hundred trees is no mean achievement and it is all the more amazing given the size of your tiny village. Your choice of trees is admirable, Oak, Beech, Larch, Scotch Pine, Birch, Rowan, Lime, Red Oak and Norway Mable all combine to enrich and enhance the environment of Kilmead. The young trees planted from the main road towards the church are in danger of being overtaken by the long grass, this should be kept cut back neatly to highlight the trees more. The landscaped area at the moate is quite magnificent. Is this maintained by the community or by the council?

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The new trees planted will provide a valuable habitat for wildlife as they mature and make a significant contribution to the wildlife of the area. Do send us in details of species to be found in your wildlife sanctuary.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is quite good. Send in details of your litter management plans as you are marked for this also, not simply for the presence or absence of litter. The two litter bins that were noted need to have their plaques refurbished. A third one near Kellys looks well.

## **TIDINESS**

There are no serious problems under this heading. Be vigilant regarding weed growth and curtilage areas.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Both St. Ita's park and the New Line Grove estate are beautifully presented, particularly in respect of their roadside boundary treatment. Gardens of residential properties were very much admired.

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

The namestones are beautiful. Footpaths are nicely presented. Some street furniture looks well.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Kilmead is one of a tiny hamlet on a very busy thoroughfare which has a deep commitment to its environment. This is reflected in landscaping initiatives and awareness of both wildlife and heritage. Well done on a fine presentation and as noted above, a development plan should be submitted with next year's application.