

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILTEEL**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	26	27
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Kilteel, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The village enjoys an idyllic setting amongst gently rolling hills with a pleasing pattern of field boundaries. The village is largely residential in character with just two business premises and a church. It was quite difficult to find Kilteel from the main road as it is not signposted. It is important for the village to have a stronger identity in the minds of the travelling public. We look forward to you achieving your goal of improved access to historical monuments together with interpretation facilities. The monthly Le Cheile also is an excellent idea and develops a greater sense of community. We are pleased to know that this is being reinstated, having been cancelled due to the foot and mouth disease. Try not to lose heart due to vandalism. You have this problem in common with almost every centre in the competition. We wish you well in your research of old Irish names for the locality and on gathering information on heritage sites in the village and its immediate environs.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church is the key building of your village and is elegant in the simplicity of its presentation. The tiny garden area to its roadside is a nice touch. Both Kilteel General Store and the Kilteel Inn are nicely presented together with the Community Hall (old school). A few walls here and there need to be cleaned or painted, for example the low wall beside the Kilteel General Stores.

### **LANDSCAPING**

High hedgerow and mature trees give a stately entrance from the eastern approach road. The landscaped seated amenity area on the left presents a welcome and unexpected oasis with plenty of shade from the summer sun of a hot June day. The stretch of grass margin in the centre of the village on which the wire and post fencing is located could be planted with hedgerow or shrubs. Well done on the maintenance of landscaped areas. All of the many Hawthorn trees (Pauls Scarlet) were in full flower and presented a visual treat. Avoid featuring more Cordylines.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Wildflower displays along approach roads are visually appealing. The tennis / basketball courts are beautifully presented. Well done on the planting / sowing of seeds for wildflowers at both ends of the village. Your Sunflower and Marrow growing competition sounds interesting. Do send us in more details of this.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is very good. We would like to have some

details of your litter maintenance programme / activities. A little litter was noted in the environs of the Kiltel Inn. Although the village is small, at least one litter bin should be provided, none were noted during adjudication.

### **TIDINESS**

The vehicle wrecks located in the green area across from the church present a bit of an eyesore when encountered, however it must be admitted that they are almost hidden by the lush growth. A stretch of grass margin along the roadside opposite the Kiltel Inn was somewhat littered and featured discoloured grass cuttings which should be removed as this is not appropriate for the heart of the village. The old iron gates here might be retained and featured as it is quite likely they were forged locally.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of residential properties are detached bungalows lining approach roads and all are beautifully presented with mature landscaped gardens. Blackdown House enjoys a landmark site in the heart of the village beside the church. The Cypress trees standing sentinel at its gates are impressive.

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

Try to have the old telephone box at the church refurbished. The panoramic scenic view from the northern approach road is a valuable visual amenity and one which could be incorporated into an amenity walk, however the extent of potholes on this 'approach' road, particularly near the entrance to the village is quite a problem. More of the loose stone wall which lines one side of this road should be revealed and featured.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kiltel is a beautiful, peaceful oasis in a busy world which is a treat to experience. The seated amenity areas are an added pleasure.