

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILBRIDE**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	167	165

Kilbride, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission which included a map of the village. This could have been improved by the inclusion of a brief long-term plan and a schedule of completed works. Such a plan will be of considerable benefit to the group in formulating a long term plan for the village. It will also help the group monitor their progress on a yearly basis. The Committee seems to have a limited interaction with local community activity. Perhaps the work of the group could be extended to include other local interest groups and the local authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village consists of a dispersed linear form of settlement which is centred on the Roman Catholic church, which is situated on a height. As well as the church, the village contains a school, a series of houses, a GAA field and a pub. All these were well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping around the village is attractive with good hedging and trees. The church grounds were attractive and well landscaped. The parking area opposite the pub would benefit from some form of landscape treatment. The landscaping of this key area would improve the environment, and qualify for more marks.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The surrounding countryside should be able to offer good wildlife and natural amenities facilities. Perhaps a short nature walk near the school.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter around the village except for the approach roads where patches of litter could be seen. This is a tribute to the Tidy Towns Committee, given the small population and the distributed nature of the village fabric.

TIDINESS

On the day of the visit the village and its surroundings offered a neat and tidy environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing around the village was attractive with neat houses and attractive gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches to the village vary with mixed areas of well managed margins, hedges and background landscape, contrasting with other sections of poorly managed margins.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilbride is a neat village which is well presented. The committee could improve the marks achieved by improving the environment around the crossroads.