

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCLOON**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	23	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	168	163

Kilcloon, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission. The Group have actively co-operated with local community interests in the past year. The submission should include a brief long-term plan and a schedule of completed works. This 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 BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Kilcloon consists of a dispersed village extending from a crossroads. The village fabric consists of a church, a school, a pub and a range of twentieth century dwellings. The village is unusual in that the fabric seems to consist solely of twentieth century building forms. All these buildings are in good condition and well presented. The publication of a medieval history of the area was noted. It would be interesting if some reference to this aspect of the village could be highlighted or displayed. Such a feature would attract more marks.

LANDSCAPING

The Millennium Garden is positioned on a key area of the village crossroads. It is an extremely important feature - well laid out, attractively presented, and well maintained. The village housing is mainly on large individual sites, so that attractive view of the surrounding countryside are presented. The houses all have attractive and well presented gardens. The school grounds and the area surrounding is very attractive with a well managed green and pump, planters, and seating. The car park of the pub was very bleak and the adjoining fence was in poor repair. This area could be greatly improved by the introduction of landscaping, such as planters and trees.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The dispersed and open nature of the village offers an attractive view of the surrounding countryside. This feature offers considerable potential for the development of a wildlife/natural amenity facility - perhaps in co-operation with the school.

LITTER CONTROL

Little evidence of litter on the approach roads and village crossroads on day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The village generally was neat and tidy. The little pump on the Dunboyne road could benefit from a more considered presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing generally was neat and well maintained and presented a very attractive impression.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were very satisfactory with well managed margins, neat hedges and fences and an excellent rural aspect. At the same time, occasional areas of weeds were noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcloon is an unusual and very attractive village. Great credit is due to the Enhancement Group and the residents for their work and presentation.