

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMESSAN**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Kilmessan, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your submission, which included an outline map of the village. The submission should include a brief five-year 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. Little information was provided on the level of the Group's co-operation with other community interests.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Kilmessan is a very attractive village positioned at a complex crossroads. The village architecture consists of a range of nineteenth and twentieth century buildings – many of which are outstanding examples of vernacular stone-building. The church and school complex being particularly interesting. All of these buildings are well maintained and attractive looking. A number of traditional houses in the village have had their original wooden windows replaced with plastic types. This practice detracts from the historical integrity and architectural quality of the buildings and should be discouraged.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village is most attractively landscaped with stone walling, planters, tubs and trees.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is a very important feature of the village in terms of wildlife and natural amenities. However, it is currently inaccessible and overgrown.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

With the exception of the graveyard, very little litter was noted in the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The village is neat and tidy with the exception of the old church and graveyard. Here the church is adequately presented, but the cemetery is very poorly managed, with broken grave stones, weeds, and a great deal of litter. This graveyard is probably of great antiquity and is a very important feature. A clean-up of this area would be of great benefit to the historic environment of the village. There is some building projects going on in the village, but generally this has had little impact on the environment of the village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses in the village are generally well maintained with neat gardens, attractive green areas, and trees.

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

The approach roads are generally well managed with trimmed margins, neat hedgerows, stone walls, trees, and planters. However, some individual sections are badly maintained, with weeds and unmanaged margins. An unusual feature is the metal railings, which seem to have been made with old railway tracks.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Kilmessan Tidy Towns Group have been very active in the care and presentation of their village. Well done!