

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLEEVAN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	17
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	6
TOTAL MARK	300	160	158

Killeevan, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This is a tiny village in size but large in historic interest and there are many possibilities for the development of heritage interest and appreciation. Your planning approach is excellent where you have identified and outlined year by year the progress you wish to achieve. The population stated is 19 on your application and the committee number is 8. This represents almost half of the population and if many other towns could even achieve a fraction of that percentage of population they would be delighted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Churches obviously plays an important part in the framework of the village. The Church of Ireland is beautiful with the surrounds of fine trees and carefully maintained cemetery. The Catholic church looks well in its very imposing position. It would be good to have some footpath from the crossroads to the Catholic Church. The old monastery makes an interesting restoration project. There is an interesting style of headstone there and some local history applied to this project and made available to the visitor would be helpful. The houses in the village are of a wide variety and the derelict building is unfortunate. The little shop holds great character and is in keeping with the size of the population.

LANDSCAPING

The natural landscape of the area blends in very well to the quiet sort of village that this is. Efforts by homeowners can be helpful as each house becomes so prominent when there are so few. The work planned on the bank at the road will be interesting. The tree planting in the Catholic Church carpark is pleasant especially as it is such a large expanse of hard surface. It would nice to plant more trees in the church grounds..

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As mentioned last year the bicycle trail from Clones could choose to pass the Church of Ireland. There is a wealth of wildlife possibility with the amount of natural vegetation on the roadside. The thorn hedges are a great asset. Advice and planning could be got to avail of local information in formulating a nature walk. The river offers opportunities which could also be availed of. Riverside walks or access to a riverbank is always a very desirable feature.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is not a problem. There was a small amount of litter at the church carpark

TIDINESS

This tiny village is tidy. However the sprawled out arrangement of houses and the few derelict houses and bad fences tend to detract for the beauty of the place

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

With so few residences the state of each one is important. This applies to the rails, gates, verges outside and state of painting and presentation of the house itself.

Road side maintenance in places could be improved and your committee's work in being persistent at pursuing councils or whatever bodies to act where needed may be the best way forward.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are in reasonable condition and the car parks are excellent.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a very interesting village both from the point of view of its size and the number of people living there. The elaboration of the historic aspect and the treatment of the old monastery will be interesting in the future.