

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILCOMMON**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	25
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>

## **Kilcommon, Tipperary North**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

There was no plan for the further development of Kilcommon attached to the entry form and so marks were deducted in this regard. As you know, this was requested in last year's report. What is needed is a simple document, identifying objectives and projects, putting a time frame on each of these items and identifying who will take responsibility for ensuring that action takes place. Of course, this plan must be drawn up in consultation with all the residents of the village and the other bodies such as FAS who assist with your work.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In the village, Quinlan's Bar was well presented in the Tipperary colours. However, there was a broken seat outside same. The other public house was also well presented. Other buildings in the centre of the village are T. Carrolls, the Funeral Undertakers and the P.O. – well maintained. P. Burkes is a vacant shop and rather unsightly at present. Next door a building is being refurbished which, on completion, should enhance the streetscape. The Church is well maintained and also the large parochial house. On the Nenagh approach the School is very well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

On the Nenagh approach some good permanent planting has taken place. Also, the tree planting in the centre of the village is effective and maturing well. However, throughout the remainder of the village there are very many small flower containers (of various materials and in various states of upkeep). As mentioned in previous reports there should be an overall approach made in relation to these and rationalisation undertaken. The developed area by the river was not accessible as a rope had been placed across the entrance. The Prayer Garden was magnificent on the day of adjudication but the porto-cabin style toilets and the plastic chairs stacked near the arbour jarred. Two people were working in the garden on the day – perhaps when your inclusive plans are drawn up for Kilcommon village, these workers could also be used in other areas.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It was noted from the entry form that no work was undertaken in this regard. However, the planted areas around the village contribute. When drawing up your plan you might include a specific project under this heading – the Tidy Towns Handbook should give you ideas regarding same.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter bins in the village were full and there was only a sprinkling to be seen throughout the village.

### **TIDINESS**

Paths were weed free on the Nenagh road but in other areas throughout the village weeds at kerbsides were in evidence. Between the wall and the railing near the bridge there was long grass and nettles, giving this area an untidy appearance. There were also a number of visible rather untidy back yard areas throughout the village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses in and around the village were mostly well presented.

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

On the Thurles approach hedges and banks were well cut back from the main road onwards. Also work in this regard had taken place on the Nenagh approach. However, on other approaches the hedges needed trimming. Signage also could have been cleaner and as mentioned in the last report a sign for the Prayer Garden would be helpful.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The development of the wonderful prayer garden has very much put Kilcommon on the map. However, the rest of the village, whilst improving slowly, needs direction in order to progress further. It would be essential for the Committee now to draw up a 3/5 year plan for the future, in consultation with all the residents of Kilcommon and in consultation with other bodies with whom you have a liaison. We look forward to seeing progress in the future.