

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDAVIN**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	186

KILDAVIN, CO. CARLOW

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The development plan for Kildavin is very concise and to the point. The plan outlines clearly the year by year work needed. The bypass has changed the pattern in Kildavin. The committee of ten is sizable and good progress will be made on the plan with this strong committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Church and school are very nicely painted in a dominating white and give a very nice impression. The Church of Ireland church occupies a very central position. The new building development and the laying of footpaths is having a disruptive effect on the village at the moment. It is important to ensure that the developers complete their work with good restoration of the roadside. The weightbridge is a lovely project. The 1798 memorial is attractive. The handball alley is a worthwhile asset and hopefully this gets used frequently. Old farm buildings close to the weightbridge and the Church of Ireland detract from the village scene and hopefully these can be dealt with in some way. The village hall is a prominent building in the village.

LANDSCAPING

The planting alongside the road at the school is very attractive with a lovely range of shrubs. The church grounds are well cared for. Tree planting at the boundary wall of the school field would be a good idea - this would also serve to benefit the housing estate behind. The small field beside the Church of Ireland could also accommodate some trees as could the grounds of the church itself. Container plantings in the village will look well as the summer proceeds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is a lovely display of buttercups on the roadside verge on approach to the bypass from the Community hall end of the village. The preservation of wild flowers can contribute greatly to the natural amenity of an area. The river offers interesting potential. The possibility of a riverside walk would be most desirable.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control seems to be well under control in the village. The very clean approach to the school and church is very helpful as it would show up litter immediately. In other areas of the village small amounts of litter were noted.

TIDINESS

Because of the development work on the building sites and the laying of footpaths it is difficult to keep a tidy appearance in these areas. The village shop area appears to be cluttered with signs

(two for FloGas), poles and materials which is unhelpful to tidiness. The removal of the overhead cables which are mentioned in the plan will be welcome.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small housing estate is well cared for. The large greens offer great potential for tree planting. There are many huge trees in the village. These were planted by previous generations who could never have hoped to see them to maturity. We should be planting trees for future generations. Plantings of beech, lime, ash, chestnut are needed for continuity. Individual houses are well cared for in the village and surrounds and there is a pride evident in the manner of their upkeep.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village have good grass verges and a natural appearance. The entry to and exit from the village has changed with the bypass. Attention within the village to the definition of road edges and to weed grass growth at kerbsides is needed constantly.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kildavin presents an interesting village picture. The presence of very mature trees in the farmland opposite the community centre adds character to the village. Work in progress is detracting from the beauty of the village but this temporary and when normality resumes the village will return to its own style.