

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLALOE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	--
The Built Environment	40	28	--
Landscaping	40	28	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	--
Litter Control	40	27	--
Tidiness	20	15	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	212	--

Killaloe, Co.Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Killaloe is welcome back to the competition after an absence of three years. The map and extended entry form were very helpful on the day. However, it is now mandatory that a one page three year plan be submitted each year. This gives the adjudicator a more comprehensive picture of what has been undertaken and your future strategy. It was good to see that you have FAS assistance and also support from the Angling Club. When Killaloe was visited it was a beautiful sunny day (one of the few to date in 2002) and the town was staging the Feile Brian Boru. Congratulations on this initiative and also the fact the Brian Boru stamps you commissioned are about to go on sale. We noted that a Festival of Music was to also take place later in the month and again would commend the enterprise of the people of Killaloe.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings including Cathedral, Church and Schools in Killaloe were looking well and it was noted that work was in progress at Colaiste Phobal Naomh Aine. There is some dereliction in the town for which a long term solution needs to be found. It would be good to see some use being found for the heritage building of the old Court House. The Kincora Hotel, Killaloe Holiday Village and the Fire Station were well presented, as were most business premises on the Main Street.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout and on the approach roads was admired, especially the hanging baskets on the picturesque lantern poles. Your plans and work at Tubbermurragh are admirable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The introduction and feeding of mallards / ducks to the lake constitutes progress in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

There was quite an amount of litter throughout the town. Because this was caused by the Festival no marks were deducted. However, it should be recognised that litter will be generated by a Festival and contingency plans put in place. Some of the litter bins on the main street could do with refurbishment.

TIDINESS

Except for the litter mentioned above, the town was neat and tidy with kerbs weedfree,

except where building work was taking place.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses in and around Killaloe are positively co-operating in the Tidy Towns campaign and some are exceptionally well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As you mention, it would transform the town if parking could be removed from the lower main street. We would encourage you to continue to endeavour to have this done about. Road signage was quite good throughout the town and suburbs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killaloe has the potential to progress further in the competition and it is obvious there is a commitment on behalf of the Committee to make this happen.

We wish you well in your future endeavours.