

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLIMER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	184

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Committee in Killimer continues to work towards enhancing the village and progress has been made in the last number of years. The entry form was comprehensively completed and the map attached was instructive. However no plan was enclosed although an Environmental Enhancement Plan, which you sent in last year with your entry was mentioned a number of times in last year's report. A three year plan accompanying the entry form is now a requirement of the competition – it enables the adjudicator to assess the progress made and what the Committee intends to do in the future. A plan or work programme is essential. This should set out items such as: - “clear kerbside weeds in April/May and spray for year round elimination of same”. This is one of the simple things that need to be done so that you can progress further and would be a good way to use some of the 800 made through events which the Committee staged to raise funds. Events like these are also a good idea, as no doubt they make the wider community aware of your work. As well as issues such as eliminating kerbside weeds, which has to be done, we would suggest that you consider taking on a development project such as putting a piece of sculpture in place in Killimer or erecting display boards detailing the flora and fauna of the area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The shop/petrol pumps and the Brogue Inn were looking well although the letter “e” was missing in the Brogue Inn title. The buildings at the Ferry were also well maintained. The St. Imy monument was immaculate. The good stone walls beside the farm in the centre of the village certainly improve this area greatly.

LANDSCAPING

As the weather was very poor coming up to adjudication, this was taken into consideration. However, the planted area near the Gift Shop at the Ferry was overgrown with grass & nettles and also the fuschia & gorse bushes planted on the main road. The tree planting was admired near Nolan's Cross.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is scope in Killimer to undertake an initiative under this heading

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter in the village or by the Ferry – well done. We noted that the combined shop and filling station had six litter bins which the adjudicator felt must be a record.

TIDINESS

There were kerbside weeds in most areas, although there was a person starting to clear these on

the way to the Ferry. It would seem that the second car park by the Ferry is now a permanent storage area. Whilst the items there were placed quite neatly, they are still unsightly. We would suggest that some tree planting be undertaken here to screen off this area somewhat.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses in Killimer were well presented, including those at Woodview. It was noted that three houses were for sale throughout the village which is quite a large number, considering the size of the village. No doubt, you will be encouraging the new owners to join with you in your efforts.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

We note that the Committee organised strimming by the roadside, however the grass in some areas was still quite long. The signage throughout needed some attention – ivy growing over the Killimer name sign near the farm; the large Kilrush / Ferry sign further in needed cleaning and also the sign at the entrance to the Ferry saying “Slipway Ahead”.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your efforts over the years have brought improvements and we would encourage you to persevere with your endeavours. We would feel that the Committee needs to motivate all residents and the various Agencies to a greater extent.