

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILMIHIL**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	186	--

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for such a detailed submission, complete with street map and photographs. As a new committee you are going about your task in a sensible way. Forward planning is an essential ingredient in successful Tidy Towns. The village has improved significantly since 1997 and in particular the main street has undergone impressive developments.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Relative to your population you have a large area to cover, and the many approach roads in need of attention make your task all the more demanding. The effects of the Fás Schemes are obvious and you are now reaping the benefit of previous year's work. The refurbished Stations of the Cross are superb and most inviting. The cemetery gate is in need of painting. L & M Keating is well presented on the Doonbeg approach, together with An Post, Credit Union and neighbouring buildings. The Community Hall is now excellent and a model for others to pursue.

LANDSCAPING

The pavement and tree planting developments on Main Street are very good - you should aim for this standard throughout the whole village. The G.A.A. complex has improved significantly since 1997 and is very well presented, together with Scoil Mhichíl. Bilingual street names should be erected throughout.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You can contribute to the promotion and popularisation of wildlife by appropriate tree and shrub planting that would give food in the autumn.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, the litter situation is good and the streets were clean on adjudication day. The litter and weed control in the gutters was very effective.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to a good number of derelict and unoccupied premises in need of attention. The chain link fencing on the high wall in the village centre should be removed and replaced with more acceptable materials.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St. Michael's Place has potential for much improvement - perhaps the residents could be organised into action. Some individual houses are very well presented and some have attractive

front gardens. What is needed here is a co-ordinated effort from the community with leadership provided by the committee.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The old creamery site is poorly presented, together with the unattended site adjacent. The landscaping on the Doonbeg approach is well presented. However, the Kilrush approach is poor in comparison. The Mace Supermarket would benefit from reducing the number of signs and improved control of gas cylinders. The link road between Johnston and Church Street is untidy. Your aim should be to match the standard of Main Street on the approach roads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your new committee can be well pleased with your performance. The village is making progress and many of your previous black spots have been tackled. Your aim now is to get the community, traders and relevant cultural and State Agencies behind you in tackling your vision for the next three to five years. Good luck in your endeavours.