

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILFLYNN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2002

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2002 | Mark Awarded 2001 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 32 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 | 25 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 27 | 27 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 18 | 18 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 23 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 23 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 190 | 186 |

Kilflynn, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kilflynn enjoys an enviable location on riverbanks and amidst lush countryside. The dramatic rise and fall of the road through the village adds interest and affords panoramic scenic view of surrounding countryside together with views of various elements of the village. These assets will serve you well in the years to come as you are improving the appearance of Kilflynn with the development of your proposed park on the banks of the river and other developments. We note with interest the contents of your plan and appreciate that unanticipated development has upset its implementation. We are pleased to note that you have the co-operation of various statutory bodies and the support of the local community. Well done on the steps you have taken to come to grips with the problem of vandalism, this is a fine achievement.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings are well presented again this year. The church itself may need to be cleaned or painted soon as it is looking a little weather stained. The (heavy vehicle) service station could be better presented and is an untidy element of the village. Maintain all walls in the centre cleaned / well painted.

LANDSCAPING

The flower display on the stone flowerbed in the village centre on entering from the Tralee approach road is an attractive feature. It was probably not looking its best on the day of adjudication given the amount of rain and small amounts of sunshine that we have had so far this summer. We commiserate you on the postponing of the development of a shrubbery on the site at the junction of the Tralee and Listowel road. Hopefully this problem will also be overcome when you have the co-operation of people involved. Trees could be planted behind the concrete post fence leading down from the school to give greater enclosure to the farm buildings here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Do send in details of wildlife species present in the environs of Kilflynn. You make reference to the wooded area on the way to the Holy Well, is there an opportunity here of availing of the new Neighborhood scheme, which is 100% grant aided? The view down to the river bank from the bridge generates a feeling of tranquility, grazing horses were noted here. We look forward to the development of your riverside walk on the way to the blessed well.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good although some litter was noted,

however it wasn't a serious problem. The involvement of school children who give two hours a week to cleaning up and get involved in other ways is paying dividends, well done on this initiative also and, of course, well done to all the children involved. Most of the litter noted was seen on the stretch of road between the Post Office and Parkers.

TIDINESS

The treatment of the derelict building at the crossroads at the 'top' of the village is excellent as an interim measure, well done. Eventually when this site is redeveloped, it should blend in with the architectural style present in the village and, as noted by last year's adjudicator, avoid the use of PVC materials in favor of more traditional materials where possible. Again, as noted last year, unscreened farm yards and holdings present a problem under this heading.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New housing development in the village is well sited and adds a surprise element in the way that it is neatly 'tucked into' the layout of the village. It is wonderful to note from your submission that the new residents have been co-operative with the Tidy Towns Committee and are interested in the development of the village. The ivy-clad house in the centre of the village across from the derelict premises was very much admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As noted last year, the main road into Kilflynn from the Tralee road was badly potholed. Roadside edges on other roads were badly eroded, presumably by the wheels of large machinery. Approach roads are wild in appearance right up to the village centre, perhaps verges could be cut back for fifty to one hundred metres before arriving into the village centre, this would provide a signal that a village is being approached. Hopefully your service cables will be ducted eventually to eliminate unsightly wirescape and service poles. An excellent stretch of footpath has been noted from the village to the school.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Kilflynn is one of a village with great potential to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition, however a lot of work needs to be accomplished over the next few years and this adjudicator looks forward to charting your progress and enjoying many repeat visits. Thank you for your continued participation.