

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILCOCK**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	25	27
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>193</b>

## **KILCOCK, CO. KILDARE**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. Kilcock is a busy and fast developing area, enjoying the lovely amenity of the Canal. It is clear from your enclosed material that you are a very active group who are aware of broad issues relating to the town. It is good to note that you work with many organisations. Do you have a 1,3, or 5 year plan prepared? If, you do please submit it with your application next year. As you were advised last year it does not have to be a complicated document..

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church was beautifully maintained & presented on the day of adjudication as was the premises of the Presentation Sisters. The Canal Bridge looked very well and compliments are extended to the Credit Union, and Ulster Bank on their presentation. Plans regarding the area around the square are awaited. The Waterfront Restaurant and the Green Ribbon were admired.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The roundabout at the Naas Road looks very well and it is a lovely welcome to the town. The entrance to the Trim Road also is lovely and the trees are coming along nicely. Landscaping and nameplates were admired at Highfield Park and Royal Meadows. Landscaping along the canal was much admired. Flower baskets, tubs and boxes were lovely throughout the town adding colour and interest.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Canal area is an excellent amenity and was being enjoyed by many on the day of adjudication. Ducks and Swans were plentiful and it is good to note that the area holds an attraction for anglers. An interpretive board would be a good addition to this area. The area will be considered for the Waterside Award. The Slí Na Slainte Walks are also a very good amenity in the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was poor on the day of adjudication. A lot of litter was noted at the bank across from the Naas rd roundabout. Also from the bridge all up along the garage and bike shop litter was serious. It is good to note that you have a litter warden but he/she needs a lot of support. Do you have regular clean ups? Run awareness campaigns? Or any other activity to prevent litter?

### **TIDINESS**

The area in front of the garage and bike shop was untidy and

detracted from the overall appearance of the town. A lay-by area near the stone bridge on Church St was very unsightly with a corrugated shed and materials scattered around. Weeds and litter detracted from the overall tidiness.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most residential areas were very well kept and presented. The nameplate at the entrance to Abbeyfield was almost overgrown with grass and weeds, which was a shame as the rest of the estate was well kept. Well done to all committees on an excellent presentation.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Grass verges and road surfaces on approach roads were in need of attention e.g. Naas Rd, Church St, and the road from Fields Supermarket to the square. The Dunboyne Rd was spoiled by the nettles and weeds along the wooden fence on the left – this was in stark contrast to the beautifully presented hedge of the house next to the Church. The bridge on this entrance provides a nice welcome but was in need of weeding.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The general impression of Kilcock is very favourable. There is a lot of tidying up to be done in the town but there is a lot of potential.