

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCULLEN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-08-2002

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2002 | Mark Awarded 2001 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 42 | 41 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 31 | 30 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 26 | 25 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 23 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 24 | 23 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 223 | 218 |

Kilcullen, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your application. The Kilcullen Tidy Towns Committee is obviously very active and has a broad awareness of all issues pertaining to local development. Your submitted material was very helpful and informative – thank you. Kilcullen is obviously in the midst of much development. There is a lot of building taking place and it is important to have this in keeping with the historic atmosphere of the town. Kilcullen enjoys a beautiful geographic location on both sides of the Liffey and developments appear to have made the most of this good fortune. Many challenges face Kilcullen over the next number of years – traffic, parking, access, footpaths etc. Continue to investigate all happening around you and you will therefore continue to be instrumental in future developments.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most buildings along the Main Street are well-presented including Bank of Ireland, An Tearmann, The Spout and Reidy Solicitors. Some are semi derelict and are in need of immediate attention. The Church and School look very well. Your comments regarding the wall of the convent have been noted and good luck with the implementation of this project. The entrance and boundary wall of the cattle mart continues to be an eyesore. The building beside the bank is in need of immediate attention.

LANDSCAPING

All approach roads are beautifully landscaped. The tree planting up from Millstone House is well maintained. Landscaping throughout the town looks very well. Continue to encourage businesses to make an effort with window boxes and baskets in order to add to the impression of the town. The plans to provide an overall landscaper plan for the sports complex is admirable. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing this plan put into action. The Sports Complex is presented to the highest standard. Well done to all involved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The banks of the river are a beautiful amenity and the most attractive feature. The display was excellent and the mature trees were particularly admired. Well done on the publication of the brochure for the Riverside Park and walk. This will help increase awareness and encourage people to use the area. The article on wildlife is an excellent idea and the author is commended. Millpond Walk and the area off the town square were noted.

LITTER CONTROL

Your approach to litter is innovative and appears to be working! The prizes are very good and surely encourage people to become involved. Some litter was present outside the convent walls.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Ensuring that residential developments are properly completed and all building materials removed after use will help. In order to gain marks pay attention to detail e.g. no litter, no weeds, maintained kerbs etc. If premises are derelict or semi derelict then they should be boarded and painted appropriately.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are well presented. The view over Moanbane Park was admired. St. Brigid's was admired for its landscaping and seating in many areas. Many of the new estates are beautiful and landscaping will mature in time.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Neatly maintained grass margins, and a variety of trees and some landscaping all add to the positive image on the approach roads. It is good to note that you are aware of areas and issues needing attention. The entrance beside the Stone House Collection needs resurfacing. The wall needs to be cleaned and painted and the right hand side needs to be weeded etc.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Kilcullen is very favourable. The town was a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. Well done on this year's presentation.

Second Adjudication (08/08/02)

On a very wet morning those buildings which were brightly painted contributed much and showed up areas of seeming neglect elsewhere. As well as dealing with major problem areas small details such as weeds at the base of poles are significant. The main approaches had generally been well tended. The side roads were enjoyed for their rural quality, particularly the initial approach from Dunlavin with its cut verges, hedging and trees. A little litter was noted around the cross roads and on the Dunlavin Road but generally the standard was very good. Road surfacing in places left much to be desired. We look forward to you returning next year.