

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILKEA**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	196

KILKEA, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application and welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002. Our sympathies are extended to you on the death of a loved one. Kilkea enjoys a beautiful rural location hidden away between Athy and Castledermot. It must be a beautiful place to live. It would be helpful to the adjudicator to have an idea of your activities and your future plans. A summary or outline would be sufficient. This would help you to focus and realise your own aims and objectives. Perhaps you could work on this in the winter months and submit it along with your application next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Castle and grounds were magnificent. The Church is beautiful and was very well presented on the day of adjudication. The School was also well presented but the boundary was in need of cleaning/painting.

LANDSCAPING

The mature trees and hedgerows are very beautiful. Planting outside the school was complimented and the young trees on the Athy Rd are coming along nicely. The first garden on the left on the Athy Rd was complimented for its display.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No doubt the abundance of mature trees and hedgerows around Kilkea provide a haven for many species. It is good to note that the golf course and grounds of Kilkea Castle is encouraging wildlife. Are there any projects through the school, which raise the awareness of wildlife? On the day of adjudication the bird song was tremendous. An identification of birds and wildlife in the area would be a start.

LITTER CONTROL

No litter was observed on the day of adjudication. Please submit your activities under this heading.

TIDINESS

There were no major problems under this heading. Be diligent where weeds are concerned. The bridges are a lovely feature in the village but were in need of weeding.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residences are presented to a very high standard. Encourage all to keep this up and to include all areas of their premises visible from the road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Grass verges on approach roads needed to be cut on the day of adjudication. Road works were noted in places. Sitting outside the school there was quite a lot of traffic on the road and the speed at which most were travelling through the village was frightening. Have you any comments on this?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Kilkea is that of a beautiful, cared for rural village with much character.