

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLESHIN**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	--
Litter Control	40	32	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	171	--

Killeshin, County Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your map and list of priorities. Killeshin has a most beautiful environment and your aims will help open them for local as well as visitor use. It is recommended that you put a 3 year programme together as it will help put a perspective on your objectives and rather than an annual commitment, a progression of achievement will build on the past successes.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school, community centre and tennis courts are cleanly presented but there was some gutter weed in this area. The school has attractive front garden with shrubs and roses . The Glenside Pub, hanging baskets and its car park look well. The petrol pumps and supports for overhead canopy should be removed. The fence near Glenside Pub could be screened. There is a nicely painted wall in front of the house to the right of childrens' crossing sign. The Church is impressively sited on hill. Both church and surrounding grounds, including graveyard, are very well maintained. The main feature is a magnificent copper beech. The wall opposite the church could do with freshening up. Killeshin Church and the 12th century Romanesque doorway are well presented with cut lawns in graveyard. Access is suitable for those with disabilities.

LANDSCAPING

The fencing at the road exit point to and from the Church to Carlow road badly needs upgrading. Nice to see work ongoing in the flower bed in front of village centre shop. It is recommended that the village raises its profile to identify more strongly with the Romanesque Doorway and use this to open access to the other attractive features in the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Mountain road to Uisean Park provides memorable views of the surrounding countryside. The Uisean Park House car park is beautifully sited, affording outstanding mountain views. The amenity provides picnic tables, mapping information on walks, the Swan Loop etc. There is some work ongoing with a pile of clay on lawn. The Tir na Nog Centre will be an interesting development. The Eanna Ni Labhna study will provide the essential background to make this project a success. The restored door in pump house looks well and the car park is still at the development stage.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter programme is working well although there was an election poster lying in doorway close to Killeshin Church which should be removed. Good to see that an application has

been made for recycling centre.

TIDINESS

Some kerb weed evident at 30 mph sign. The storage of Westfalia trailers to the left of the approach road from Abbeyleix/Castlecomer should be screened.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The approach from the Abbeyleix side has a number of attractive bungalows on both sides of the road. Some concern is expressed with the number of new houses being built in this scenic area towards Uiseann Park.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Kerb growth on Abbeyleix/Castlecomer Road is being well attended and the mature hedging and roadside growth supports the general good impression. The road surface is somewhat stressed from heavy traffic. Approaching from the Carlow side there are some fine roadside hedges on the left and stands of mature trees to the right growing up through hedging. The road surface is good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It seems Killeshin does not make full use of its opportunity to associate more strongly with its magnificent Romanesque Doorway attraction. Nevertheless for those who visit the village there is much to enjoy.