

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTIMAGH**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	38
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	24
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	11
Residential Areas	30	21	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	201

Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank-you for your detailed map and comprehensive submission. Your application reflects a town with vision and determination. Under the guidance of a proactive community, your achievements are very encouraging. Existing projects are nurtured whilst newer projects serve to sustain people's enthusiasm. The plan could contain a description of the role played by the various agencies in maintaining the town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

An increasing number of our towns and villages are improving their appearance by the use of colour. Kiltimagh has got the balance right. Vibrant colours reflect the energy of this enterprising community and contrast beautifully with more understated tones. The Market Square off Aidan Street with its fountain, sculptures, interpretative boards, paving, decorative lighting and floral displays serve as a fine example to other parts of the town. The Museum and Exhibition Centre was at its finest on Adjudication Day. Immaculately maintained, it is a fitting tribute to past generations. The equally impressive theatre on the opposite side of the road is a beehive for the Arts. The Church is currently being repainted whilst construction to the front of the Secondary School mars its appearance somewhat. Gilmartin Park on the Park Road is a credit to the town. Commercial properties located in Enterprise House 2 provide an excellent working environment for their employees. However, the Railway Hotel and a garage on Aidan Street were drab in comparison. Business premises on Main Street should be encouraged to install more traditional style windows.

LANDSCAPING

The beautifully developed recreational lay-by on the Balla Road sets a very high standard for the overall soft landscaping in the town. The grass verges on all major approach roads were closely mowed thus creating a good first impression. A notable exception was on the Bohola Road where road works are in progress. The hanging baskets along Main Street created a harmonious effect. The Shrines located on the Knock Road and Swinford Road respectively are immaculately kept. Picnic areas located in Sculpture Park and Wetlands Park are beautifully maintained. There is an overgrown area adjacent to the Walshtown estate on Circular Road. All petrol stations on approach roads have made great efforts to enhance their premises with floral bedding. The rust-coloured wooden fencing located near the Wetlands Park and along the Knock Road blends in well with its surroundings. There is room for improvement on the grounds of the Bakery. Further upgrading of footpaths on Main Street, Aidan Street and Thomas Street is necessary.

WILDLIFE

The areas of natural amenity in the town have been clearly identified and developed. The provision of sitting areas and viewing platforms throughout the Wetlands Park is highly commendable. The interpretive signs were not in place on Adjudication Day. The play area on Well Boreen is a delightful amenity and cognisance was taken of the fact that an indoor play facility is in the pipeline.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was observed along Main Street outside 'Tavern' and ' Superjack'.

TIDINESS

Recommendations outlined in last year's report regarding commercial premises have been implemented. Gemfitt and C.M.S. peripherals are well maintained. Kiltimagh is well spread out but manages to remain cohesive. The newer developments namely 'Cois Abhainn', 'The Pines', 'Station View', 'Fortland' and 'Walshtown' are well kept. The plethora of plastic signs on the Knock Road are unsightly. Some level of screening is required on the left hand side of the Bog Road beyond the Health Centre.

RESIDENTIAL

The aforementioned housing estates enhance the town in scale and style. The community has certainly adopted the Tidy Towns ethos with tastefully painted residential properties throughout. The yellow-painted house opposite the Wetlands Park and 'Slamon's' on Thomas Street are particularly eye-catching.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

New paving and kerbing enhance the appearance of the town considerably and one would like to see this extended further. Traffic congestion around Supervalu could be relieved with the provision of more car parks. Surfaces around major approach roads are quite good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Major changes have taken place in Kiltimagh to create the bright and extremely attractive town we see today. We wish the Parish Enhancement Group every success with their highly innovative competition – an excellent incentive for Tidy Towns all round.