

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLEEVAN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	18
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	168	160

Killeevan, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed form, map and supporting material. It is particularly commendable that your small community and committee has identified the varied features of your village and have made plans to appropriately enhance them. Continue to foster the good working relationship you have with local bodies who will help you fulfil your plans.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

St. Lukes is just one of the many interesting features in Killeevan and worthy of your attention though the access lane needs attention. The Abbey graveyard contains some very unusual headstones as mentioned by last year's adjudicator and is worth some further research. The Church of Ireland looked very well with tidy grounds, lovely gate & gate piers, similarly the rectory gates opposite. The R.C. Church looks well with its fresh paintwork. The corner shop is a lovely original village feature with its original sash windows & tidy ivy feature. The barn behind it could be simply enhanced by painting its wood features. The derelicts houses do detract from this part of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The lovely stonewalls; mature trees & shrubs enhance the village, as does your new fragrant summer bed. Consider some further planting of perennial plants for colour and content all year. As stated last year some further judicious tree planting would look well in the Catholic Church car park.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee has an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within the village. The riverbank, hedges, trees and hedgerows, along with the Abbey & St. Lukes all provide opportunities for appropriate development as a project under this heading. Get appropriate help and advice from local experts and involve them in your plans. Perhaps a suitably signed nature trail combined with your local history trail? As on my past visit to Killeevan, squirrels and abundant bird life were evident. This adjudicator would be concerned about your timing of the hedge cutting and its effect on birdlife.

LITTER CONTROL

The village had virtually no litter on the day of adjudication. Well done to those involved. However the committee must remain vigilant in this area and plan some suitable bins for your projects as they progress.

TIDINESS

The barn behind the shop could be simply cosmetically enhanced with some paintwork. There were some broken fences and unpainted gates in the village that need some attention. All the signposts in the village also need their paintwork refreshed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It's good to see new houses in the village. Many of them look well but the derelict houses detract from the overall impression. In a small village setting every property contributes to the overall presentation of the village. Persevere with your work in this area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Improving the road surface to St. Lukes should be considered as part of your plans. Road surface is generally good. Tidy verges were noted on the road past the bridge and Church of Ireland road. Some weeding is needed around the bridge and opposite the shops. Some of the road signs badly need attention, particularly the village sign (covered in paint) on the Clones road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lovely village to visit with interested residents aware of the hidden story waiting to be told. Perseverance and attention to detail will help you optimise your small villages full potential. Well done and keep up the good work.