

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILBARRON VILLAGE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	27	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	180	--

Kilbarron Village, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition – as a first time entrant, Kilbarron is impressive and obviously a considerable amount of work has been undertaken in the village in the recent past. Thank you for the well completed entry form from which we note that you have a ten member committee. We note also that you have a FAS scheme at present and that you liaise with the North Tipperary County Council, Eircom and the ESB in a partnership approach to improving the village. The sketch map also provided was very useful to the adjudicator on the day. It is now a requirement of the competition that entrants include a three-year plan. This need only be one page setting out your objectives, the time scale involved and how these plans are going to be implemented and this should be included next year so that your overall developmental approach may be assessed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings throughout the village were looking well - the Church, Hanningan's Pub/ Village Store and the School. The paintwork on the eaves of the Hall, which is quite an unusual design, needed to be repainted. Stone walls throughout the village are attractive. However, it should be ensured that ivy does not encroach on these. The stone village nameplates on the entrance roads from Coolbawn and Borrisokane were noted.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting and grass areas on the approach roads and in the village were very attractive and well maintained. The landscaping of the car park is well planned and provides a good central area in the village. We noted the lake and picnic area on the map but could not find same – on enquiring we were told that this is a rather overgrown area at present – perhaps this is a project for the future?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting and green areas already developed contribute under this category, as does your decision regarding hedge cutting in order to give the birds a place to nest.

We also note that you are planning a wildlife area at the lake mentioned above.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of littering throughout the village on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly neat and tidy with no kerb side weeds. In fact, the stone kerbs throughout the village presented a very neat appearance. There are a couple of visible yards and back areas in the village and these were reasonably tidy on the day.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in Kilbarron are making a positive contribution to the Tidy Towns effort. Very good planting was noted outside the new house on the Ballinderry approach. A quite large new residence was in the course of being built in the centre of the village and no doubt the owners will be encouraged to join you in your efforts.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are all well trimmed back and provide a pleasant first impression of the village. Signage on the approaches is quite well kept but it should be remembered that the rear of the signs are also visible. Directional signage in the Car Park needed to be cleaned. On the Ballinderry road there are well maintained grass banks and wooden fencing.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is obviously a huge commitment to the Tidy Towns effort in Kilbarron and on the day of adjudication, the number of people working on the landscaping and roads in and around the village was evidence of this commitment. We wish you well in the years ahead.