

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILCASH**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	205	202

Kilcash, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information and the map sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. It is indeed gratifying to read that you have the support of your Local Authority, your School, your Community Centre and obviously, judging by the appearance of the village, your local residents. Your comments on the Entry Form, would suggest that the emphasis this year is on maintenance, which, of course, is very important. However, Committees are being encouraged to produce a 3/5 year plan, the purpose of which is to identify what environmental projects you can carry out in the village over that period on a yearly basis within your physical and financial resources. This plan does not need to be elaborate or expensive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority and local interests. The South East Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) would also be glad to offer advice as they have a long experience of the Tidy Towns Competition. You received an in-depth report from the Adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on progress since then and should be read in tandem with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your Church, School and Community Centre were again very well presented this year. The grotto is a lovely feature in the middle of the village. Your stone walls are also a very fine feature in the village and are being well looked after. The Public House is very well presented and reflects great credit on its owners.

LANDSCAPING

This is a major feature in the village which was a blaze of colour on adjudication day. Planters, tubs of flowers, window boxes and hanging baskets create a wonderful impression as well as the general landscaping which has taken place over many years and which is now maturing. All areas of the village were beautifully presented but the area around the Church is particularly noteworthy. The School grounds and the village green all looked very well and furniture is being very well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading have been noted. In the event there may be somebody in your locality who has an interest in wildlife development. Alternatively do consult with the Wildlife Officer of Duchas who would be only too glad to give help and advice. In the meantime you will receive the same mark as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was practically free of litter on adjudication day. However, in spite of the proximity of a litter bin, there was some evidence of minor littering in the Woodview Heights Estate. This is an important aspect of the Competition which needs constant monitoring. With reference to your comments regarding your markings under this heading it should be stated that last years marking is within the range 29-32 which is designated as "Excellent".

TIDINESS

The village, on adjudication day, was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in their living environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

With the exception of the minor littering mentioned above, Woodview Heights Estate is being extremely well maintained as are individual houses throughout the village. Many houses had gardens in full bloom which greatly added to the existing landscaping and the villages wonderful setting. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces in the village are being well maintained. Approach roads were nicely presented. The cutting of verges on approach roads is also an important part of the competition as the condition of such roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilcash is a lovely place to visit. It is being beautifully maintained reflecting great credit on its residents and your Committee. In the event of you producing a 3/5 year plan please send a copy with your entry form next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. Planning and attention to detail will get you additional marks in the competition. The Adjudicator looks forward to visiting Kilcash again next year to see further progress made. In the meantime keep up the good work.