

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	185

Kilfeacle, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the village plan which was most useful on adjudication day. The plan makes interesting reading but, as suggested in last years report, you should try to set it out over a 3/5 year period and identify, per year, what you can achieve within your physical and financial resources. It is gratifying to read that you have the assistance of Fás for your efforts and that a local County Councillor sits on your Committee. You received an in-depth report from the Adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress made and should be read in tandem with last years report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new Community Centre looks extremely well and your comments regarding the old centre are noted. The Church is also being well maintained as is the Cemetery. Regrettably the railings around the Tennis Court Area are badly in need of repair and painting. It might, in fact, be more appropriate to replace them with metal type railings which would be easier to maintain. Stonewalls are being well maintained but, in some cases, particularly on the Cemetery Road are somewhat overgrown and need to be cleaned down.

LANDSCAPING

The open space on the right-hand side of the Cemetery Road (beyond the speed limit signs) on which some trees have been planted is also completely overgrown and badly needs attention. Tubs of flowers, where presented, looked well and create a nice atmosphere in the village. Part of your 3/5 year plan should be to identify further areas in the village and its surroundings where trees and shrubs could be planted which would give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Those that have been planted are now maturing and the village is benefiting greatly from them. Your Local Authority should be able to advise you on tree and shrub selection.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading are noted. Perhaps when you are landscaping the new Community Hall you might consider the provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes which would have the effect of attracting some nice wildlife to that area. Perhaps there is someone in your locality who is interested in such projects. The Wildlife Officer of Dúchas is also available to give help and advice. In the meantime you will receive the same mark as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately a great deal of litter was to be seen in the vicinity of the Telephone Kiosk which together with the broken fence did not greatly enhance that area. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

This would appear to have been a problem last year and, frankly, it is going to be very difficult to progress in the Competition unless it is solved.

TIDINESS

On the other hand the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects great credit on its residents and their interest in the preservation of their environment. It would be a pity if one or two problems (mentioned above) were allowed to spoil this. Hopefully this will not happen.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are being very well maintained. Many had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a joy to behold. This is a very important aspect of the Competition as, in a small centre, you cannot succeed without this individual effort. Congratulations to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In the main, approach roads were reasonably well presented and work, in this respect, was noted on adjudication day. Adjudication normally takes place from the village nameplate signs inwards and approach roads should be trimmed from there on in. In this respect consult your Tidy Towns Handbook which gives advice on this aspect of the Competition in relation to the preservation of wild flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kilfeacle is a lovely village and great community work is being done to keep it that way. Future progress however will call for planning and attention to detail and, in this respect, the Adjudicator looks forward to coming back to Kilfeacle next year to see further progress being made. In the meantime continue to maintain what you have to the highest possible level.