

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLENAULE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	178	174

Killenaule, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. The assistance from Fás is to be welcomed and the fact that you are negotiating with your County Council for a Village Renewal Scheme etc is also noted and to be encouraged. Because of the strung out nature of Killenaule it must, indeed, be difficult to organise and co-ordinate the Tidy Towns effort and your comments regarding the need for professional help are noted. In this connection, Committees are encouraged to develop a 3/5 year plan, the purpose of which is to identify the environmental needs of the centre and to set out on a year-to-year basis projects which can be undertaken within the centres financial and physical resources. This plan need not be elaborate or expensive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, Fás and other interested groups. In addition the South East Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) are only too pleased to give advice and have long experience of the Tidy Towns Competition. In the event of your Committee developing such a plan, please enclose a copy with next years entry form so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. You received an in-depth report from last years Adjudicator. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year, St. Mary's Church, The Heritage Centre, Technical School and School looked very well and are being well maintained. Some commercial premises throughout the town are improving. Others are badly in need of refurbishment. The painting of premises throughout the town is also somewhat uneven and perhaps this is an area where the use of a professional colour consultant should be considered. In the past paint manufacturers have offered such services free and, in the event, your local hardware store may have some contacts. The old stone building in River Street looks very nice and was well set off with flowers in bloom.

LANDSCAPING

The grounds of the Church and School are being well maintained as is the Cemetery. The Cemetery on the Fethard Road also looks well. Part of your planning could be the identification of open spaces which could be planted with trees and shrubs – preferably those which would give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. In this connection your Local Authority should be able to help with professional advice. The picnic area looked well. In most cases open spaces needed cutting, probably due to the inclement weather. Trees planted in the past are now maturing nicely and create a nice ambience in the village. Lime trees planted on the Kilkenny Road were noted and seem to be progressing well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not appear to have instigated a project under this heading but your comments regarding the cleaning of the riverbank have been noted. Perhaps initially the provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes at a suitable site might be encouraged. Perhaps it is a project which your school children could take on. There may be someone in your locality who has an interest in wildlife. Alternatively contact the Wildlife Officer of Duchas who will be glad to give advice. In the meantime you will receive the same mark as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately there was a lot of litter to be seen in Killenaule on adjudication day. This was mainly in the Main Street and, to a lesser extent, on the approach roads. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring. Again, and in consultation with your Local Authority and your Litter Warden, a major anti-litter campaign should be included in any forthcoming plan.

TIDINESS

In general the town was presented in a neat and tidy manner. It is however true to say that many of the comments made in last years report under this heading are still applicable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing estates are being well maintained as are individual residences. The standard of maintenance of open spaces in the housing estates varies. In all cases they appeared, on adjudication day, to be in need of cutting. Many houses had lovely gardens in full bloom which were a joy to see. In some cases however, and particularly in the older housing estate, some gardens need refurbishment. If you have not done so already you should encourage representation from housing estates in particular to be part of your Committee. In some centres it has been found that the running of competitions for housing estates or individual gardens has created a friendly rivalry which has contributed enormously to the Tidy Towns effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked well and had evidence of cutting. Road surfaces and pathways throughout the town are being well maintained and, in this connection, great credit is due to your Local Authority. Back areas are being well kept and looked neat and tidy. It is important to remember that adjudication normally takes place from the town nameplate signs inwards and that all areas are visited and adjudicated on.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

While Killenaule is looking well the Adjudicator would agree with your comments regarding professional help. Hopefully, in this respect, the comments made above will be helpful. Planning and attention to detail will gain you extra marks in the Competition and, in this respect, the Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Killenaule again next year to see further progress made.