

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILSHEELAN**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	229	227

Kilsheelan, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for all the information sent with the Entry Form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you have the full support of your local community and that your local authority is helping out also. Success in the Tidy Towns Competition comes from both public and residential effort and this is very much apparent in Kilsheelan. Committees however are being encouraged to produce a 3/5 year development plan the purpose of which is to identify what environmental projects they can carry out on a year-to-year basis over that period within their physical and financial resources. The plan does not have to be elaborate or costly and can be done in conjunction with your local authority, your committee and residents and possibly other agencies such as FAS and your Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) who would gladly give whatever advice they can based on their long-standing involvement in the Tidy Towns Competition. Your comments on the entry form would seem to indicate that the emphasis in Kilsheelan this year is very much on maintenance with one or two projects in the offing. Maintenance, of course, is hugely important but do try, under the different headings, to identify further projects which you might undertake and which would gain you extra marks. In the event of a plan being prepared please send a copy with next year's entry form so that the adjudicator can have site of it. You receive and in depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress made to date and should be read in tandem with last year's report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church on the Ballypatrick road, the School, Garda Station, Grotto, Old Church and graveyard looked extremely well on adjudication day. Your comments regarding work in progress at the later were noted. Your stonewalls are a lovely feature and derelict sites are also being well treated.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping in Kilsheelan is a joy to be hold. Your wonderful open spaces are being extremely well kept with work in progress on trimming on adjudication day. Additional planting at the corner of the Mound/Grotto was noted and will blend in nicely with the multitude of flowers and shrubs to be seen throughout the village and which are the hallmark of Kilsheelan. Trees planted in previous years are now maturing nicely and create a lovely atmosphere. Tub of flowers, hanging baskets and window boxes add further to the wonderful vista. The all presentation reflects great credit on all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading are noted. The area of the riverbank with its wonderful walk will be ideal for such a project. Perhaps there is someone in the locality who is interested in the development of wildlife and or the wildlife officer of Duchas will be glad to help. The involvement of the scouts will greatly add to the proposal.

LITTER CONTROL

Kilsheelan was practically litter free on adjudication day. This is an important aspect of the competition and must be monitored on a regular basis. Congratulations to all concerned. There was an obvious improvement in the area of the access to the riverbank this year. The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in their living environment.

TIDINESS

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RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All housing estates in the village were visited. All looked exceptionally well. Open spaces are being very well maintained except possibly at the new housing estate of Poulakerry which hopefully will improve in time. The new estate at Garden Grove is delightful. Your proposal to form Residence Committees is to be encouraged. This has already happened in many other towns and villages throughout the country and the type of internal competition you propose has had the effect of creating friendly rivalry which in turn has had a remarkable effect on how estates in particular are presented. Include this proposal in your 3/5 year plan. Individual houses in Kilsheelan also looked extremely well. In both cases most had lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day and added further to the floral atmosphere.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces, pathways and car parks are in good condition and, in this respect, great credit is due to your Local Authority. Approach roads were very well presented and show evidence of having been cut. Such attention to detail sets a nice tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is now some years since this adjudicator visited Kilsheelan in such a capacity. Great work has been done in the meantime particularly in the area of landscaping, the river walk and the general upkeep of the village. Wonderful work has and is being done which, if it continues, will ensure that it will not be too long before Kilsheelan once again figures in the national awards.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (01/08/02)

Kilsheelan continues to demonstrate a very high standard of maintenance. The marvellous riverside aspect adds great distinction to the village. The riverside walk is attractive and the seating area below the bridge is an interesting addition. The standard of road surfaces, verges and traffic islands plantings through the main area of the village give a very good impression on passing through. A closer look at some details reveals some opportunities for improvements – such as the area around the post office, both the condition of building décor and surrounding surfaces; the level crossing area offers an interesting chance to utilise the platform in an imaginative way and to tidy up materials on view from the roadside and while good efforts have been made at the school the planted border by the roadside has been neglected over the summer as have the planted hydrangeas by the Health Centre. The wall along the road opposite the school with the wild Valerian and Sedums plants adds a nice natural touch. The Council housing estate adjacent to the Post Office has attractively displayed flower gardens, these are a great credit to their owners. Attention to litter in this estate is needed and to the damaged timber paneling at one part. The number of mature trees in the village together with those that were planted over the past 10 to 15 years are now giving a lovely atmosphere to the village.