

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTEGAN**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	--
The Built Environment	40	26	--
Landscaping	40	31	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	32	--
Tidiness	20	16	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	213	--

Kiltegan, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Thank you for the application with map indicating the main layout of the village. For the competition it is important that your committee submits a plan outlining the work proposed for the coming three to five years. The formation of this plan will be helpful in focusing on the needs of the village and surrounds. Priorities can be drawn up and resources planned. As time goes by, the plan can act as an encouragement as objectives are achieved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The layout of the village is very orderly with the crossroads at Katie Lowes pub acting as a centre. This is a very appropriate place to have placed the millennium commemoration feature. The stone walls are an outstanding feature of the village, many originating from the Estate. Stonewall building on the road by "The talk of the town" is a very positive development and this helps to retain the nature of the village. St. Peters church and surrounds are very attractive and well maintained. The houses along the road opposite St. Peters are attractive and should be maintained and preserved well to continue the character of the village. The new housing development is progressing. The Health Centre, Garda station, new school and the stone piers of the estate are impressive. The placing of cables under ground could help the village appearance considerably.

LANDSCAPING

Much work has been done in achieving the high standard of roadside grass verge and tree planting. There are beautiful mature beech and ash trees in the area. These were planted by people who never could have hoped to see them to maturity. We have an obligation to do likewise for the next two generations. The simple formula of well kept grass, tree planting and stone walls in good repair gives a very striking result. Individual gardens in the village add greatly to the overall landscape of the village. The entrance to the GAA grounds are nicely landscaped. The area by the millennium monument is attractive and well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is scope for planting wildflowers as was mentioned last year. Besides actually planting these, certain areas could be allowed to develop their natural flora and observation of this would be interesting. The involvement of children in the local school with environmental projects helps alert people to the value of their natural surroundings.

LITTER CONTROL

Control of litter seemed very good. A litter bin was noted to be full and small pieces of litter were observed but generally there was a very clean appearance.

TIDINESS

There is a very tidy appearance to the village. Some buildings need a little attention to painting or upkeep. The disruption caused by the new house development is temporary, as is the wall building. Areas around the GAA grounds are tidy despite their heavy usage.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is good evidence of pride in homes and gardens and these contribute well to the overall appearance of the village. The houses on the main street are especially interesting. The houses on the road by the side of Katies Lowes are well cared for. The new housing estate is nearing completion. Hopefully the entrance will be finished off in a manner appropriate to the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads are well treated and the estate walls help to give character to the entrance roads. The well kept grass and tree planting gives a very nice impression on entry to the village. Mature beech and ash trees are a lovely sight on some of the approaches.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kiltegan is a very orderly village with great evidence of hard work with successful results. The calm green effect achieved is striking and the pride and effort that people put into both the public areas and their own properties is very uplifting.