

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killimer**

Ref: **151**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **184**

Category: **A**

Date: **25/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	33
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	26	27
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	187

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the documentation received on fund raising, the Sli na Slainte opening, Minutes of meetings and on the April Clean Up. These demonstrate that the Committee are working hard to make Killimer a better place. The fact that you have been chosen for a Urban & Village Renewal grant is exciting and we look forward to great strides in the future. However, as an actual three year plan, which is now mandatory, did not accompany your entry and as there appears to be no ongoing provision for basic litter management and weed control in the village, marks have been deducted in these categories. The need to address these issues has been flagged in previous reports.

The Built Environment:

The Brogue Inn was well presented and also the shop/petrol pumps, although the latter was a little "busy" with many signs etc. As usual, the St. Imy monument was well maintained.

Landscaping:

The planted areas by the village shop and the Brogue Inn were admired. However, the large planted area at the Ferry Point was again full of grass and brambles. The fuschia bushes bordering the roadway in the village are maturing and provide a colourful welcome. The rose bed at the entrance to Woodview is also a nice feature. The oak trees planted on the Kilrush Rd., looked well

and will provide character on this approach when they mature a little more.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We look forward to the wild life observation post which you are planning to site at the Ferry.

Litter Control:

Unfortunately there was quite an amount of litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. This was sited near to the shop area at the Ferry, by the hedgerow all along the roadway from the Ferry to the village and a sprinkling around the village shop and Colleen Bawn memorial. It would seem that in a busy place like Killimer that a daily litter pick would be needed.

Tidiness:

Overall the village did not present a tidy appearance with uncut grassed areas/banks on approach roads, rough and incomplete roadside verges and kerbside weeds in evidence in a number of areas. Roadside weeds had been sprayed at both sides of the road near the graveyard but the weeds had not been removed before spraying. The old graveyard presented a very overgrown appearance. There were many small signs on different poles at the Ferry. We would suggest that one large double sided sign facing the incoming Ferry, welcoming people to Killimer and Clare and including details of all the facilities and services available at the Ferry Point would be better.

The storage area adjacent to the Ferry Port building, mentioned in last year's report, also presented an untidy aspect.

A few B & B signs around the village were in need of refurbishment.

Residential Areas:

Private houses in and around the village were well presented in the main. However, a number of new houses in the area needed to have work on the set back area in front of the houses completed.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Public signage throughout was well maintained and the approach road from Kilrush was well presented. However, strimming was only commencing on the road by the graveyard and painting work was commencing on the yellow/black barriers on the Kilrush road. The end of June is very late for this type of work.

As mentioned, some of the roadside verges in an around the village are very poor and need to be completed to a higher standard.

General Impression:

A village which we are sure will improve greatly in the next few years. However, the basics need a

rethink and a much earlier start to your work programme would be recommended.