

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeagh**

Ref: **481**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **211**

Category: **B**

Date: **29/06/2003**

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 33                | 35                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 28                | 28                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 28                | 28                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 23                | 23                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 28                | 26                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 15                | 15                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 24                | 23                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 26                | 25                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>211</b>        | <b>209</b>        |

### Overall Developmental Approach:

A three to five year development plan is needed now for Killeagh. The planning process should involve consultation with all the interested parties in the village and an integrated planned approach formulated – this can chart the progress towards goals in the coming years. Good progress has been made in Killeagh over the past few years and it is important to build on this in a planned way.

### The Built Environment:

The Catholic Church occupies a very dominant position within the village and lends character to the main street. The various stonewall features through the village are attractive. The wall fronting the entrance to Woodview housing estate was admired. There is a very good stonewall next to the Garda station. The school, and cemetery on the Mogeely Road have interesting stonewall road frontages. The School and Community centre buildings look well although some paint attention will soon be needed at the Community centre. The Garda station also will benefit from painting especially the blue gate piers. The thatched pub is an interesting feature to have in the village. The three-storied building by the river bridge looks a little grim, as does the house facing Mogeely road. The old Church of Ireland building is a fine old church building. Some work appears to be in progress at this site and the gates have been removed.

### Landscaping:

The golden Irish Yews in the Catholic Church grounds are an important landscape statement in the village. The grounds of this church and surrounds are very nicely maintained and look very well. Three gardens beside the Garda station also contribute well to village centre landscaping. The small stonewall feature and planting by the water pump is very attractively constructed. Areas beside the housing estates contribute also to the landscape of the village by their planting of trees at the entrances and the open spaces within the estates. A concrete block wall within the Woodview estate looks very bleak and some wall covering plants, a hedge or a line of trees would be help. The long vegetation growing around them is hampering some trees planted outside the estate. Trees planted to the front of the small estate on Mogeely road are growing well. The cemetery on the same road is very nicely maintained. Containers filled with plants on the main street at the bridge provide good summer colour.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Glenbower wood is a marvelous asset to have on the doorstep of the village and the pathways and bridge make this area a lovely strolling ground. The old railway station and platform are very neglected. This could have interesting opportunities as a restored platform and perhaps some form of amenity area, if permission was achieved. The original platform and rail lines are still in place. In Rochestown in Cork the railway platform is a prized feature of the area. In Clonmel, there is a wild flower walkway incorporating a similar station platform that had been dilapidated and now forms a very a lovely walking area. The amount of wildlife interest here could be very worthwhile. The multitude of signs at the entrance from the carpark cause clutter and seem very negatively stated. From the river bridge in the village there is a nice access and short path along the riverside - if this could be extended it would make an interesting walk

### **Litter Control:**

The village has a very clean appearance and only small amount of litter were observed. Constant vigilance is needed to keep litter at bay. There was litter in the river below the bridge and a watch on this is also important.

### **Tidiness:**

The area behind the Motor garage opposite the Catholic Church is a little untidy as seen on entry to the village. Most buildings in the main street look well presented. There are a few which still need attention to paint and general décor. The Ice cream cone signs outside shops do not give a tidy appearance. Building work always generates a degree of untidiness and it is wise to keep a watchful eye that builders leave a site in a reinstated position and that all materials are removed from the site. The wall at the approach from the road of Liam Cox Estate needs attention to painting.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residences just beyond the entrance to Glenbower wood are nicely cared for and the interesting style of landscaping by the entry was admired. Woodview Estate is very well cared for and was noted above in relation to tree planting -this estate looks a little stark now and hopefully with increased tree growth and development of individual gardens a more softened look will come about. Some large growing trees similar to those in the surrounds of the village could be accommodated here rather than using "garden" type trees entirely.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The village is very much under pressure with passing through traffic. Without any place to cross the road safely, the village is very hazardous for pedestrians. The road surface on the start of the Glenbower road is very much potholed – just by the thatched pub carpark. This must present a difficult time during wet weather. The approach roads are well cared for and give a nice impression on entering the village. Landscape features to the sides of the road are welcoming and colourful.

Overhead cables through the main street hopefully can be ducted underground before long and pressure in this regard would be useful in the appropriate place.

**General Impression:**

A planned approach to new developments over the coming five years is needed to make the best use of the combined efforts of all interested parties. The village looks well, more can be achieved and the foundation already present is a credit to all concerned.