

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killorglin**

Ref: **194**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **210**

Category: **C**

Date: **18/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	
The Built Environment	40	30	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	
Litter Control	40	26	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	27	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	
General Impression	10	5	
TOTAL MARK	300	210	

Overall Developmental Approach:

From the development plan submitted, it is noted that the Tidy Towns Committee is being revitalised in Killorglin and that is to be welcomed. There is considerable scope for improvement in the town which is most pleasantly located on the Laune on a very busy route. Though the town has not been actively involved in Tidy Towns for a number of years, it is encouraging that a new effort is being made and indeed the results of this are already to be seen and this should provide an incentive to do even better in the future.

The Built Environment:

There are some fine and prominent buildings throughout the town. For example, the church buildings in the town are prominent and imposing. The Catholic Church is a beautiful building and excellently maintained and presented. Also the new Church of Ireland Church is a tastefully constructed building and is well presented. It is a pity that the lovely Church of Ireland building in Lower Bridge St. seems to be falling into disrepair; this is a lovely building with an attractive approach through old gates from the street, so its disappointing to see that even the access to the building is now overgrown and neglected. Perhaps some use will be found for the building, but, in any case, it should be preserved. Another most interesting building is the old Methodist Hall in Market Road which is also falling into serious disrepair and every effort should be made in its preservation. Another building worthy of preservation is the old O' Donoghue Bakery premises in Annadale Road. On a positive note, the Tom O' Donnell Memorial Hall in Market Road is beautifully

presented. The CYMS Hall was also well presented and both the Garda Station and the new Post Office looked well.

Landscaping:

Good progress is being made with landscaping work throughout the town. The landscaping which has been carried out near the "King Puck" sculpture looks very well. Excellent landscaping work has been carried out at the Killorglin Area Office of Kerry County Council. A very tasteful landscaping project has been carried out at St. James' Gardens on the Glencar/Carah Lake road. The landscaping work at the large green area in this vicinity is impressive.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Committee's idea of developing walkways in the marsh area is a very good one and this should be proceeded with as one of its priorities. The proximity of the town to the lovely River Laune is, in itself, most advantageous for many species of wildlife. Perhaps the Committee might seek advice from wildlife specialists on identifying habitats for specific wildlife species.

Litter Control:

It is noted from your development plan that you intend to involve all the schools in the town in your overall Tidy Towns efforts. This could be particularly useful in dealing with the litter problems. The Town Park was free of litter at the time of adjudication this year which made the area much more pleasant. There was some litter inside the gate of the old Church of Ireland Church in Lower Bridge St. There was also some litter on the New Line Road. Overall, a good effort is being made to keep the main streets free of litter.

Tidiness:

The bridge area was very clean and tidy. The Square (i.e. top of Main St.) was also quite tidy. In the large car park across from the Catholic Church, the immediate area in the vicinity of the Bottle Bank was quite untidy. The area in the vicinity of the Fire Station was quite tidy. The area in the vicinity of the entrance to Laune Rangers GAA complex was also quite tidy.

Residential Areas:

There is a considerable amount of housing development taking place in the vicinity of the town at present. However, existing residential areas are well maintained and presented, in particular houses and gardens at Laune View, in the vicinity of St. James' Gardens, Melrose Grove, Lynch Heights and Laharn Courtl.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach road from Killarney was reasonably tidy as was the road from Dingle. On the latter approach, the stone walls at "Chub's Corner" looked very well and the footpaths were also well maintained and tidy. However, it should be noted that some signs on this road were almost concealed by overgrowth and this should be attended to. The Beaufort approach road was being tidied up at the time of adjudication and the stone walls along here looked well. Footpaths along the Glencar/Caragh Lake road were well maintained. The busy Cahirciveen road was quite tidy. The surrounding stone walls, entrance gates etc. of the Laune Rangers GAA complex were very impressive and excellently presented - a credit to the members. The King Puck sculpture is impressive and is being well maintained.

General Impression:

The Killorglin Tidy Towns Committee are taking the right approach. A good start has been made, but a considerable amount of work remains to be done. However the town is very attractively located and the Committee and the community have a good foundation on which to work. If the development plan is adhered to and worked on a priority basis, progress will certainly be made.