

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcock**

Ref: **338**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **195**

Category: **C**

Date: **01/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>194</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map of the village. This submission should have included a brief long-term plan, and a schedule of work completed. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next five years and what resources are required. The schedule will allow you to monitor your progress and achievements on a regular basis. A map of the full town would be appreciated.

The tidy towns group of twelve is strong and active and has worked in cooperation with other local community groups and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Kilcock has its origins in an early Christian settlement around which the town plan is still arranged. The Square is an excellent open space and forms the core, around which a network of charming streets are arranged. These have substantial potential for improvements - such as pedestrian precincts. In addition, the town has a wonderful range of very attractive houses and public buildings - many in an excellent condition.

### Landscaping:

A number of the town premises have attractive flower arrangements. In addition the tidy towns group have continued to maintain and improve the planting around the town. The landscaping around the canal is excellent with well managed grass areas, tree planting, flower arrangements, and good paving. The Square is the outstanding feature of the town and it could benefit from a detailed landscaping development programme.

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

The position of the town and its links to the canal present a wonderful opportunity to initiate some form of nature project. Perhaps this could be taken up by the school.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter still remains a problem around the town and on the approach roads - although it seems to have improved from last year. The litter control management seems to have yielded some good results.

### **Tidiness:**

Generally the town is tidy. This is difficult to retain as there is considerable building work going on around the town. For example, the large signs at the 'Hawthorns' are in a very poor condition and reflect poorly on the town. The town also contains a great number of derelict sites and buildings. Hopefully, these will be successfully developed and, as time goes on, they will become an asset to the town.

### **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas generally looked good. Most of these had well maintained houses and gardens, attractive open spaces, and well managed shrub and trees. Poor weed management was however noticed.

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

The approach road from Maynooth is extremely attractive with the canal bank and the grass verge. This area could benefit enormously from a more active approach to weed management and planting. Elsewhere, the approach roads could also benefit from better landscape management. The narrow streets around the town are dusty and poorly maintained. As noted previously, these streets are very interesting and offer considerable potential for improving the overall environment of the town.

### **General Impression:**

Kilcock has considerable appeal and potential. However, the environment could benefit enormously from upgrading.