

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcullen**

Ref: **687**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **227**

Category: **C**

Date: **05/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	227	223

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your excellent submission that included an action plan for 2003-2004 and town map. The submission should include a schedule of works completed during the year.

The Kilcullen Community Action is strong and has cooperated with other local community groups and with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Kilcullen consists of a cross-roads type town focused on a crossing over the River Liffey, with development extending on both sides of the river. The town architecture is interesting and consists of a range of 19th and 20th century buildings, most of which are well presented.

Landscaping:

The river Liffey runs through the centre of Kilcullen and plays a major part in the environment of the town. The river walk is very attractive with paving, stone walling, grassed areas, as well as hard and soft landscape elements. In addition the Main Street has a further range of landscape elements including trees, baskets, planters and tubs – all bright and cheerful. The additional planting contributes to the environment of the town, particularly in the newly completed sports complex. The Athy Road Project is under way and should make a fine addition to the landscape of the town.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside walks offer great opportunity for the development of nature projects. The Group could consider initiating a specific project perhaps with the cooperation of the schools.

Litter Control:

Despite the fact that the town has a poor official collection service, litter management is good. The Litter Patrol – particularly the junior members - deserve great credit for this. There was only isolated instances of litter along the approach roads to the town and along the Main Street.

Tidiness:

The new footpath pavings have certainly improved the access and the appearance of the street-scape around the village. In a similar fashion, the painting of a number of premises has added considerably to the appearance of the town centre. There are a number of other premises along Main Street that could benefit from upgrading and painting.

Residential Areas:

There are a large number of residential areas around the village and the great bulk of these are very well presented, with inviting signs, attractive verges and open spaces, as well as shrubs, flowers and other landscape features.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the town looked good with well managed verges, hedges, and good looking stone walling in places. These approaches are landscaped in parts with excellent planting and well managed grass areas. The new areas of paving are very successful.

General Impression:

Kilcullen, with its river crossing, bold stone bridge and curved streets is an attractive place to visit. This is mainly the result of the hard work of the Kilcullen Action Group and the local community.