

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kill**

Ref: **108**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **252**

Category: **D**

Date: **29/07/2003**

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 37                | 37                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 35                | 34                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 38                | 37                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 20                | 20                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 34                | 33                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 18                | 18                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 28                | 28                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 33                | 32                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 9                 | 8                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>252</b>        | <b>247</b>        |

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission, including a sketch map of the village. Your submission should really have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year. The plan would help you (and the adjudicator) identify what progress has been made and what work can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. In addition, the preparation of a Plan will qualify for extra marks. Perhaps this could be ready for next year's competition. The Kill Tidy Towns Group is strong in number and have been working successfully in co-operation with other community groups and with the local authority.

### The Built Environment:

Kill is an attractive village laid out in curved linear form. The village contains a variety of 19th and 20th century houses and public buildings, the great bulk of which are extremely well presented.

### Landscaping:

The landscaping of the village is outstanding and consists a series of landscaped verges, greens, stonework, shrubs, trees and seating that are laid out along the linear axis of the village. Likewise the river bank, with its attractive and cared for banks, were delightful.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The flora around the village and the river is extremely attractive and offers great potential for the laying out of a nature project. This is something the committee might consider for next year.

## **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the village was excellent and only a few minor individual instances of litter was noticed.

## **Tidiness:**

The entire village and the approach roads were neat and tidy. The visit to the village was a delightful experience.

## **Residential Areas:**

The residential areas around the village are well managed and maintained, with neat houses, attractive gardens, good open spaces, flowers, shrubs trees and entrance signs.

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

The approach roads to the village are very inviting, with well managed stone walling, trimmed grass margins, shrubs, neat hedges, trees and signs. The view along the village street-scape with its well presented fabric and landscaping is outstanding.

## **General Impression:**

Kill is a wonderful example of what can be achieved by a determined Tidy Towns Group and a committed local community. The village offers a praiseworthy example of Pride of Place.

## **Second Round Adjudication:**

The attractive welcome signs at the entrance to the village were admired. The painted DSPCA trough adjacent to the stone ecclesiastical single storey building, makes a good impression on entering Kill. The attractive estate of houses at River Lawns, tucked discreetly in behind a wall on the main street, was admired and well presented. Mature trees on the main street opposite the Church of Ireland church are a marvellous asset to the village. Litter control was generally fine, apart from a distinct problem area in the vicinity of the bus stops. Certainly an abundance of litter bins was evident, particularly near housing estates. The cottages opposite Clarendon Court have the most attractive traditional gardens. It was a pleasure to revisit Kill after a number of years since last having the pleasure of adjudicating this village!