

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilmeade**

Ref: **281**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **222**

Category: **A**

Date: **05/07/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 37 | |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 26 | |
| Landscaping | 40 | 38 | |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 21 | |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 23 | |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 29 | |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 222 | |

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map and other supporting documents. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. The work completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Kilmeade Tidy Towns Group remains strong and have been working in cooperation with other local community groups and with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Kilmeade is a small chapel type village arranged around an attractive Roman Catholic Church, and is essentially linear in form. The village also has a magnificent landscape park adjacent to Ardsull Motte.

Landscaping:

The Group has spent considerable energy in the village landscaping and this has been well worth while. The church grounds and the stone planter at the road junction look impressive. The landscaped area around the motte was wonderful. This included the wooded motte itself, the picnic area, the Peoples Park and the new planted area. The planting included flowers, shrubs, trees, paving and seating. The work on the Fitzgerald Cemetery is well underway. The entrance and the walling now looks well, but the cut grass and the rubbish should be removed from the site. In addition, the weeds around the grave stones should also be removed.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The motte and the cemetery areas has an outstanding range of wildlife and natural facilities.

Litter Control:

Litter control in the village could be improved as small instances of litter were observed around the village. Litter was also noticed in the picnic area and on the sides of the motte.

Tidiness:

The village generally was tidy, but weeds remain a problem. Also the car wrecks should be removed from the area behind the houses. On the day of the inspection it was noticed that the County Council were engaged in road improvements near the Motte. Unfortunately, the working party were using the picnic carpark as a place to store their tarmacadam. Apart from the unsightly look, the tarmac had spilled over onto the grassed area causing unnecessary damage.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas of the village generally looked neat and tidy. The houses were well presented and their green landscaped areas looked very attractive indeed. The uncompleted areas in the new estate detracted from the overall appearance of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads to the village are well maintained and inviting. These consist generally of footpaths, verges, hedges, and trees. The verges generally could benefit from weed control.

General Impression:

The Kilmeade Tidy Towns Group and the local community have been working hard in improving and maintaining their village. This work has, without doubt, enhanced the environment of the village.