

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeigh**

Ref: **161**

County: **Offaly**

Mark: **225**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

Killeigh is a lovely village that has improved greatly over the years. The traffic calming measures have been of great benefit to the village. It is good to note that you have 15 members on your committee – this is very good for a village of your size. It is difficult to gain support, especially since the ending of the FÁS scheme. Many areas are experiencing the same problems. Continue with the effort you are making as it does show in the presentation of the village. The sketch map you provided was most useful and your comments were noted. Sometimes it is best not to read the previous year's report until after adjudication as it may "colour" that year's adjudicator's interpretation of the village.

The Built Environment:

The built environment is well presented here in Killeigh. Gormans looks very well on the main thoroughfare. The Macra Hall has been painted and your requests to the owners to erect gates and tidy the area will hopefully be fulfilled. The Church of Ireland church looks extremely well, as does the entrance to Abbey Farm. The post office is clean and tidy. The bridge at the Tullamore entrance is a nice feature and the ball alley is well screened. Doyles Pub should be painted and the petrol pumps across from the church should be removed. The church is well presented. The GAA grounds could be presented much better, but the landscaping at the end of the GAA wall is admired. Some tidying work could be done here with weeds and piles of gravel could be removed. The three rusty poles should be removed as they are unsightly and appear to no longer serve a purpose. The school

is well presented but the boundary wall here and along the GAA grounds should be painted. The cemetery wall could be painted or planted with a creeper.

Landscaping:

The village green looks extremely well. The creepers over the ball alley are well placed. The landscaping on the approach roads is excellent and along the main road through the village. The creeper on the wall across from Doyle's Pub (on the corner) is making a difference. Well done on your presentation under this heading. The tress on the Cloneygowen Road were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There is no doubt an abundance of bird life here in Killeigh with the amount of mature trees and hedgerows. The importance of this heading in the competition is to educate people about the wildlife in the area and to encourage people to look out for and to be aware of the native wildlife. Are there any plans to survey the bird life in the area? Is this something the children could help with?

Litter Control:

Litter control is almost excellent on the day of adjudication. Your commitment to litter control has proved successful.

Tidiness:

There are no major problems under this heading. The village itself is very tidy and the only detraction is the carpark of the Macra Hall.

Residential Areas:

The majority of residences, both in the village and on the approach roads, are very well presented. Continue trying to encourage everyone to participate and to be aware of weeds, boundary walls and any area visible from the public road.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Most areas are well presented under this heading. The road surface along the GAA and the school should be tended to before it gets any worse.

General Impression:

The general impression of Killeigh is very favourable. The village green and the seven blessed wells are a lovely feature, as are the stone walls throughout the village. You have achieved a high standard of presentation in the competition – well done.