

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killoscurry**

Ref: **284**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **206**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	
The Built Environment	40	31	
Landscaping	40	28	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	
Litter Control	40	27	
Tidiness	20	18	
Residential Areas	30	19	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	
General Impression	10	8	
TOTAL MARK	300	206	

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note your comments regarding the problem of attracting new members onto your committee. It seems an awful pity that, given your great interest in the local community and their needs, including the social importance of the hall, you haven't got something back in terms of their support. Perhaps for next year's competition you could include a map in order to aid adjudication.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial buildings in the town generally looked well cared for. The hall was very fresh in yellow with attractive window boxes and hanging baskets. Ryan's thatched pub looked quite charming. The stone facade of the church, set back as it is, from the road, looked very well. However, the pebble-dashed side wall appeared to be stained and should be painted before next year's competition. Weeds were also apparent in the gutter. This is a most attractive building, particularly internally, as one looks up at the patterned ceiling.

Landscaping:

This is an area of the competition in which you show an obvious interest. The attractive seating area with lupins, modern metal seats and surrounding timber sleepers was admired as was the

raised stone bed with permanent planting at the front forecourt area of the church. The hydrangeas must look quite magnificent when they come into full bloom. The adjacent graveyard was well maintained and most interesting.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

This is an area of the competition in which Killocurry is most fortunate with its wealth of mature trees and brook at the entrance to the village. Perhaps you could consult with local experts regarding the maintenance of wildlife habitats in the area. Local children could also be involved in mapping the areas of wildlife interest. This activity could be incorporated with the creation of a nature walk.

Litter Control:

The litter bin by the shop appeared to be in bad condition and would benefit from replacement. One or two papers were evident in the recessed forecourt area in front of the church. These were minor outbreaks but, in a village of Killocurry's size, one or two papers stand out.

Tidiness:

The village generally appeared well cared for and neat on the day. However, the green door adjacent to the shop appeared quite flaky and should be repainted and there were weeds in the gutters of the church as mentioned previously.

Residential Areas:

An attractive blue cottage would benefit from restoration to its former glory. A charming stone house opposite the pub was admired with its abundant display of window boxes and hanging baskets, and a bungalow also caught the eye for the same reasons. Generally houses in the village centre and along approach roads were well cared for on the day.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The grassy banks had been cut back but dead grass had yet to be removed on the approach roads. The attractive square traditional signs were admired and their retention is to be applauded. The attractive stone wall on the Nenagh side of the village overhung by trees looked well and the attractive planted area adjacent to the brook with its display of daisies and lupins was greatly admired.

General Impression:

Killocurry is a most interesting and well maintained hamlet set in the magnificent scenery of the Silvermines Mountains. Good luck with your future endeavours.