

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildavin**

Ref: **258**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	24
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	207	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

The excellent work being carried out by your small committee aided by Carlow County Council and LEADER was evident on adjudication day in Kildavin. You are to be congratulated on it. However, as mentioned in last year's report, it is recommended that you should produce a simple development plan, say for the next three years, to identify what further environmental work can be done on an annual basis. Following the production of such a plan it might be possible to call a public meeting for discussion purposes and in the process, hopefully generate a bigger interest in your activities which, according to your entry form, you are receiving very little of at the moment.

The Built Environment:

The Catholic Church, Church of Ireland, the School, the Village Hall, the village pump and the 1798 Memorial were again very well presented this year. They are being very well maintained and reflect great credit on those connected with this maintenance. For an old structure, the Handball Alley is being well kept and is a nice facility to have.

Landscaping:

Landscaping throughout the village was much admired, particularly in the vicinity of the School and Church and in the vicinity of the main crossroads. Where presented, tubs of flowers, hanging

baskets and window boxes look very well and create a lovely atmosphere in the village. The open spaces in the housing estate and at the Cemetery offer tremendous opportunities for further tree and shrub planting and landscaping in general. Restoration of the walls throughout the village is also to be admired. They are a lovely feature and add greatly to the overall appearance of Kildavin.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

While you do not appear to have developed a project under this heading this year, it is noted that you carried out a feasibility study for a wildlife garden and sanctuary. This is a wonderful idea. In the event, do take the best advice available to you and the hope of the Adjudicator is that it will be established, even in part, for 2005.

Litter Control:

Kildavin was completely litter free on adjudication day. This is a wonderful achievement and congratulations again are due to all concerned.

Tidiness:

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and for this your commercial premises and your residents are to be lauded.

Residential Areas:

The housing estate across from the Cemetery is being very well maintained and its open spaces, in spite of the presence of a football pitch, are being well looked after. Houses within the village looked resplendent. All in all this reflects greatly on the pride which their owners have in the appearance of their houses, many which had lovely gardens in full bloom and were much admired. This is a major thrust in your Tidy Towns effort and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are being very nicely maintained and road surfaces and pathways are excellent. Great credit is due to Carlow County Council and your committee for this.

General Impression:

The village has improved a good deal since the last visit of this Adjudicator. Do, however, try to identify projects under each heading of the competition which you can carry out and which will add further to the wonderful environment which already exists in Kildavin. Great work has been done to date, so continue to maintain at its present high level the elements of the competition which you already possess. Well done to all concerned.