

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killimer**

Ref: **268**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **197**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	18
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	184

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for well completed entry form, excellent map and details of work undertaken to obtain the new and welcome pathway. It is good to note that the village renewal scheme for Killimer is now being put into operation. As mentioned, we would suggest that you produce a simple 3/5 year plan in order to focus your efforts in the years ahead. This need only be one page but it would give you targets to aim towards and a way of measuring your progress on same.

The Built Environment:

The attractive new stone name signs were admired, these are a nice way to announce the village to visitors. The Olde Brogue Public House and Stor Cailin Ban were well presented and also St. Imy's monument. However, the lettering on the latter was rather faint.

Landscaping:

The established landscaping opposite the Brogue Inn was looking very well and also the rose beds by the housing estate. Well done on the work undertaken on the area by the Ferry. The new raised grass areas and the cobblework are attractive. Also the established shrub bed here was well maintained and weed free. The new tree planting was noted also. Unfortunately, the oaks planted last year on the Kilrush road were looking a little poorly, some with quite a lack of foliage (not caused by vandalism) It would be a shame if these didn't mature as other trees have in this area and perhaps some advice should be sought on this matter. The picnic table provided on the Kilrush road is a good idea. However, could an adjacent space be used to park a car or bicycles. The bank was well cut back on the Kilrush road and the blooming fuschia bushes admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We note from the entry form that you plan to undertake some work on this category in the future. We would suggest that you look to the Tidy Towns Handbook for some suggestions of Wildlife and Natural amenity projects.

Litter Control:

Litter maintenance was much improved. The Spring Clean Up and continuing litter control in association with the Local Schools Green School Project is obviously working. Perhaps the Cailin Ban Store would replace the two small blue plastic bins in their forecourt with more appropriate ones.

Tidiness:

Killimer in the main was looking tidy and fresh. However, two signs for Fortfield Farm, one at the entrance to the Ferry and one on the Kilrush Rd., need to be taken down or replaced. A once off clean up of walls and bases is needed on the road up to the Graveyard. If this were done it would be easy to maintain these verges by spraying weedkiller in May.

Residential Areas:

Residential houses were all well presented and contributing to the Tidy Towns effort. The planting at the housing estate was admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The big achievement of the Committee under this category was the provision of the new footpath from the village to the Ferry. Well done. Signage in the village was mostly good with one speed sign needing attention near St. Imy's monument Also the sign to the Ferry was covered by foliage on the Kilrush approach and the Killimer name sign was partially covered by ivy on the other approach. The road verges throughout are very poor. In an area where there is so much traffic this is unacceptable.

General Impression:

It was obvious that you started your work programme earlier this year and Killimer was looking well on a sunny June day. Do persevere and keep up the good work.