

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilmihil**

Ref: **414**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **205**

Category: **B**

Date: **12/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	196

Overall Developmental Approach:

The documentation received - entry form, excellent sketch map, report on work done to date and plans for the coming year was very helpful. The partnership approach of co-operation with the Clare County Council, FAS, the local schools and the community in general is the way to achieve your aims.

The Built Environment:

The Church, Schools and Public Library were again very well presented as were most business premises throughout the town. St. Michael's Shrine was also immaculate. A good use of colour around the town was noted. The Mace premises which is situated on a street of Irish traditional style shop fronts and houses is out of character with its over use of plastic signage. Johnson Enterprise premises and grounds were well presented. It is good to hear that there are plans for the very visible derelict site on Church Street - elimination of this black spot will be a major boost to the town centre.

Landscaping:

Much work has been undertaken since last year. Well done to all concerned. The new seating, car parking space and refurbished pump house were noted at the Fairgreen. Nice stone facing was

taking place at a long wall further out this road. The live willow fence at St. Michael's Place is a worthwhile and unusual project. Low maintenance landscaping at the cemetery suits this area and the wooden flower containers, hanging baskets and tree planting in the core of the town add a new dimension to this area. Approach roads were also nicely landscaped. Well done on the major tree planting project at Reilig Nua - these will leave a legacy for future generations.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Knockalough Lake is a wonderful amenity which has been extensively developed to the benefit of wildlife and humans alike. On the day, the floating Crannog for ducks was being well used and this area was also visited by two swans and their cygnet during our visit. It is obvious that other bird species and wildlife also frequent Knockalough which provides seating and picnic facilities for those coming to enjoy this waterside experience.

Litter Control:

There was no litter to be seen on the day of adjudication and bins were strategically placed. Your initiatives in conjunction with the Local Authorities have obviously worked. Signs urging people to keep Kilmihil clean were noted in shop windows.

Tidiness:

The town was mostly neat and tidy with just a few kerb side weeds on the Sli na Slainte road. The Pub still retaining an outside Christmas decoration did not add to the tidy appearance of Kilmihil in July.

Residential Areas:

Private houses were mostly well maintained, some featuring nice gardens. As in many other towns and villages new housing is coming on stream in Kilmihil and no doubt you will be encouraging these new residents to assist you in your endeavours.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces were mixed in and around Kilmihil with some road works taking place at the time of our visit. Road verges were poor in a number of areas. Approach roads in the main well trimmed.

General Impression:

Kilmihil continues to improve and impress. Keep up the good work.