

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeagh**

Ref: **95**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **213**

Category: **B**

Date: **25/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>211</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The map and work programme included with the entry form was very helpful. Killeagh is very much affected by the vast amount of traffic flowing through and the pedestrian crossing is very welcome. The difficulty of derelict buildings continues to present a challenge. The co-operation of the tidy towns with the Local Authority, teachers, pupils and parents, as well as community center committee and Glenbower Wood committee is helpful as the process of achieving goals can have mutable interest.

### The Built Environment:

The Garda station has been painted and looks very smart and the gates have been removed. The gates from the old church are still missing and the roadside wall of that church has been damaged in places – this would make a nice restoration project. The thatched pub is a landmark and a good feature in the village. The community centre needs painting at this stage as the walls have become very much stained. The church occupies a prominent position and looks very well as always. The old railway station - one would hope it will be revived in some form as it is an attractive building and perhaps the surrounds could also be transformed. The stone building close to the bridge, by the Catholic Church, with the surrounding black railings looks very well. A number of business premises through the town are well presented with good clean and well-painted appearances. Some still need upgrading. There are a number of attractive stone walls in Killeagh. The unusual wall of coloured stone opposite the Garda station looks well.

## **Landscaping:**

The entry to the village from both sides looks attractive with the hanging baskets on both bridges. Small planting schemes such as those by the cemetery wall look well. The tree planting in the housing estates at An Grianan estate look promising and these will provide very good character in time. Planting at the Woodview estate is attractive. The cemetery on the Mogeely road appears to have some trees cut down to the inside of the wall. The Church grounds are very attractive and the yew trees there are a great addition to the landscape. Individual gardens and business premises have done well in presenting garden features either with containers or in their front gardens. Gardens along by the Garda station are worthy of special mention.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Glenbower Wood is a marvelous facility to have on the doorstep of the village and provides not only walking opportunities but also an opportunity to appreciate features of the natural environment. The paths are attractive and the work done there is commendable. Some ways of providing more information about the features that may be seen in the wood would enable a better appreciation and any plans to develop this aspect should be carefully drawn up particularly with the committees' relationship with the school. The cleared riverside walk below the Catholic Church is pleasant and it would be great to continue this.

## **Litter Control:**

There is a reasonably good standard of litter control in the village. Some litter was noted along the street and a great emphasis has to be placed on making people responsible for their own litter and having respect for the pavements and open spaces in the town. The recycling bins do not seem to be causing any fallen litter to accumulate as sometimes occurs in such situations.

## **Tidiness:**

Apart from the derelict buildings and some materials and signs from shops left on pavements – there is a fairly good standard of tidiness in the village. The completion of some building developments is helpful in this regard. The overhead cables are very predominant and it would be a good achievement to have these placed underground.

## **Residential Areas:**

There is a wide variety of housing in the village – the single story terraced houses are very attractively painted in a nice range of colours and look well, similarly the houses in Liam Cox Terrace and the estate called Glenbower view. The Woodview estate is attractively treated and the newest estate An Grianan looks very well finished off with good plantings and well laid out services roads and footpaths. Individual houses along the main street and on the approach roads also contribute well to the residential section of the village. There is a good standard of upkeep and a pride in homes and gardens evident generally

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Road surfaces are a little rough in places and especially so where the road meets the side verge. The new road surfacing near the old railway station is superb. The overhead cables continue to persist and perhaps some concentrated lobbying could change this. The carpark behind the Thatch pub has extremely bad surfacing. Approach roads are looking well and apart from the fact that the sign for Killeagh is covered over by tree growth all is well.

## **General Impression:**

Killeagh is a lovely village with great potential. A By Pass would be ideal -but failing this, less permitted parking would be helpful. The Glenbower walk is beautiful.