

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killyon**

Ref: **269**

County: **Meath**

Mark: **148**

Category: **B**

Date: **05/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	18
The Built Environment	40	17	16
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	17
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	148	142

Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for the application form and the map. A self drawn map of the village with the relevant buildings marked would also be useful, as would a summary of your development plan as the judges usually change each year. Killyon is a long village and is very rural - tranquility prevailed except for the passing cars - possible traffic calming measures may be of use in the future if the traffic amount increases. Good to hear of the news of the old church - it really is a special building.

The Built Environment:

There was a mix of presentation of buildings - the heritage of the old church, the pleasant surroundings and presentation of the RC church - however it is the pumps and the rusting shed on the main road that detract from the village as they are in such a strategic position. The GAA centre was nicely painted - well done. Presumably the gravel will be removed when work has been undertaken in the carpark. The school was presented well, though it would benefit from additional trees or border hedging along the boundaries. The graveyard looked well, though the traffic cones outside need to be removed. Both the Hill pub and the Parlour Bar were very well presented and looked very pretty with the boats tied up alongside on the canal.

Landscaping:

The landscaping in the central picnic area is to be commended and looked very well - it will look better also as it matures. The hedges and verges were reasonably well maintained throughout the village. There has been the overuse of some weed killers though this may be a result of the recent dry spell. There was also nice planting alongside the canal - do keep in mind that this is part of the natural habitat and native species are preferable to the more exotic type. New trees (the copper beech) along the Kinnegad road need some care. A line of trees along part of the Raharney road would enhance it. A tree planting programme of native single species should be considered for the wide area beside the old pumps and along that side of the road towards the graveyard. This would benefit the village tremendously.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

There needs to be a more planned approach to wildlife - the canal is ideal and a themed/wildlife walk along it would be most suitable with the naming of wildflowers undertaken in a sensitive manner. The school might consider this as a project and information on this type of habitat can be obtained from ENFO in Andrew Street in Dublin 2.

Litter Control:

This section fared well, although there were occasional pieces of litter especially towards the outskirts of the village. A number of bins are required - though only if they can be emptied regularly.

Tidiness:

There were a few weedy areas though overall the village was tidy. Weedy areas noted were outside the school and along from the graveyard. The brown heritage sign for the old graveyard and Killyon RC both needed cleaning.

Residential Areas:

There are only a few residences within the village and these were generally kept well. The house beside the old church had nice gardens. Lusk garden Centre has a magnificent copper beech hedge and this made a nice impact.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

There was good approach signage, however surely the official County council signage signs are also needed. The signage on the Raharney road required attention. The approach roads were reasonable. Marginal mowing was noted towards the outskirts of the village and this could also be used further out to tie the village to the canal as it is some distance away and would help to link the centre of the village to this picturesque area.

General Impression:

A pleasant visit was undertaken on judging day and there was an air of tranquility except for the number of passing cars. Keep up the good work - and prioritize the development of a village centre, perhaps as was suggested with the planting of additional trees.