

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcommon**

Ref: **78**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **189**

Category: **B**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	
The Built Environment	40	26	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	28	
Tidiness	20	13	
Residential Areas	30	18	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	189	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed application form, unfortunately there was no action plan or map of the Village.

The entry form does not state how many are on the Committee but it would be very worthwhile if an action plan for the next three years was put in place.

The village has good potential and it would be a pity if this was not realised to its fullest by mobilising the community and forging relationships with the Local Authority and other agencies.

The Built Environment:

It has been a few years since this adjudicator visited the Village and there have been very positive improvements since then.

The re surfaced road has been a big bonus to the village centre and all premises with the exception of one derelict shop were very well presented and painted in colours that befitted a rural village.

T Carroll old shop front, Quinlans and Hayes funeral Home were admired.

The Church, School and excellently kept graveyard would be a credit to any village nationwide.

Work was ongoing on the Community Hall on the day of adjudication.

Landscaping:

A strong performance in this category, primarily due to the level of presentation to be seen at the Stations Of The Cross Garden with its magnificent water feature and excellent shrub and flower beds.

The landscaping arrangement opposite houses for the elderly on the Nenagh Rd and the very well maintained floral arrangements in the school yard were noted for both the content and layout.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

A little more effort is needed in this category.

The Committee should, with the help of the local wildlife officer, should draw up a programme to highlight the different species of wildlife that are associated with the area.

Having school children involved would create a greater sense of enthusiasm for such a proposed programme.

Litter Control:

There was very little litter to be seen on what was a very pleasant summers day.

The local Community Council is playing its part by putting in place an awareness campaign.

Good work being done by local residents.

Tidiness:

The village was clean and tidy save for some weed growth at the base of some boundary walls. It is important to make sure that each householder looks after their own frontages and and keeps them weed free.

No fly posting or graffiti which is change from observations made elsewhere.

Also there was the minimum of farm related waste to be seen strewn around the village, this was in contrast to the adjudicators last visit some while back.

Residential Areas:

The village is the main residential area as there is no medium sized estate.

The standard of properties both private and commercial was good .

It is nice to see farmyards attached to properties within the village- an example of a rural village as it should be.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Nenagh entrance was very well presented but the Curreney/Kilcommon FC road was a little overgrown for such as narrow road. This road entrance has a very appealing look to it as one observes the Prayer Garden on the left.

The Road exiting to the Thurles /Newport Road was also well presented.

General Impression:

The Village has made good strides since last visited by this adjudicator and it looked very well on the day.

It has a real rural village feel to it and its a pity that the Committee is not more proactive in terms of putting a work plan for 3 years forward in place.

Do consider this for next year as Kilcommon has good potential to do well in the competition.

