

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killoscully**

Ref: **522**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **211**

Category: **A**

Date: **24/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	
The Built Environment	40	31	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	28	
Tidiness	20	18	
Residential Areas	30	19	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	
General Impression	10	8	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for the completed application form which is very detailed, sketch map and note advising of ongoing filming in the village.

Indeed when the adjudicator visited the place was buzzing as it was the final day of filming, it was a bonus to have had a chat with the inimitable Pat Shortt.

Good to see that Community organisations are all part of the Tidy towns initiative.

The relationship with both the Local Authority and other agencies is producing practical results.

The Committee of 16 seems to be a little big for a village the size of Killoscully, maybe it would be worth considering dividing into sub groups each one having a responsibility for a number of specific tasks.

### The Built Environment:

The standard in this category was very good even allowing for the fact that the place was more populated with vehicles than normal.

The renovation work in the hall had temporarily halted as the film crew were using it as a sort of base camp.

The Church and adjoining grounds were in very good condition and seemed to be improved upon since last year judging by comments in last years report.

The rest of the premises in the Village were all presented to very acceptable standard and the fact

that it was the set for a film for eight weeks seemed to enliven the place. Ryans is a very good example of a traditional pub, well maintained and retaining original features such as thatch roof. The adjoining area was also well presented.

### **Landscaping:**

A lot of hard graft and no little thought has gone into this category. What is in place has been well serviced and kept tidy, the area opposite the Community Hall has been tastefully looked after with a lovely mix of shrubs and flowers and seat to sit and contemplate life on. The planting arrangement at the Silvermines Sign was also admired for its selection of plants.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Committee is to be congratulated for taking a number of simple but effective measures to help the conservation of wildlife in the Village and its environs. The addition of a Wildlife Information Board in the village will create a focal point for both the local resident and the visitor. It will give a history of various species of wildlife associated with the area

### **Litter Control:**

Despite the disruption caused by the ongoing filming the village was virtually litter free. It was noted that new bins had been ordered from the Council. Other than that it just remains to encourage everybody to maintain such a good standard.

### **Tidiness:**

The Village was a little discommoded by the additional equipment and other associated items needed for film making, but one has to make allowance and judge with this in mind. There was a parking area in front of two cottages just down from the pub that was a little rough and maybe consideration should be given to resurfacing it next spring.

### **Residential Areas:**

The Village possesses some very fine and traditional residences notably one across from Ryans Pub. This had an imposing look with a reasonably well kept farm yard adjoining. The other residences were all up to an acceptable standard and credit is due to owners for the effort involved.

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

The Nenagh Road and adjacent roads to Limerick and up to Sarsfields Ride were well presented with some nice inviting planting at the Silvermines Drive sign. The Newport Rd was acceptable but there was some farm related waste material on the verges, this is to be expected as it is silage making time of year. The traditional signs are a feature of the Village. Just a comment on the mass paths, a link with religious oppression, it is good to see them being identified and highlighted as part of the history of Killoscully

### **General Impression:**

Killoscully is a very charming little village lost in the middle of the tranquility but still not that far

removed from centres of population.

No doubt it will become nationally known when this series takes to the TV screens.

Keep up the effort.