

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killenaule**

Ref: **130**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **190**

Category: **B**

Date: **22/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	182

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Killenaule is reasonably big centre for a committee of five to deal with but it is encouraging to read that you continue to have the support of your Community Development Association for your efforts and, it is assumed, South Tipperary County Council. What you probably need at this stage is a survey of the town to be carried out to establish what the environmental shortcomings are and how they can be rectified within the headings of the Tidy Towns Competition which if carried out, will gain you extra marks. In the event try to identify on a year to year basis what you can do within your physical and financial resources. Allocate a certain amount each year to be done. Do not try to do it all together as, in the event, failure can lead to frustration.

The Built Environment:

As last year St Mary's Church, the Technical School, the Heritage Centre and School were presented very nicely and looked very well. Your comments regarding the derelict house are noted. Commercial premises in general are being well maintained. Others do need refurbishment. Perhaps, for the future, some overtures could be made to the owners of such premises, possibly through your Community Development Association, in order to try to alleviate this shortcoming.

Landscaping:

The grounds of the Church, School and Cemeteries are being well looked after and where presented, containerised planting, hanging baskets and window boxes added greatly to the overall appearance of Killenaule again this year. Open spaces, particularly on approach roads, are receiving a high level of maintenance as are their furniture and picnic tables. Your comments regarding a centre of town plan in conjunction with South Tipperary County Council are noted as indeed was work which was carried out there this year. The work connected with the removal of overhead wires is to be lauded. Perhaps it will extend to the rest of the town in time.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading are noted and you are to be commended for seeking professional advice on future wildlife developments. Perhaps in the meantime you might be able to encourage your schoolchildren to embark on a wildlife project which could be as simple as the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables for birds and a wildlife board showing what can be seen locally.

Litter Control:

In general the town was litter free. There was some evidence of minor littering which occurred due to litter escaping from plastic bags. This is indeed unfortunate as it took away from an otherwise overall litter free situation. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

In general the town was presented in a neat and tidy manner. Some open storage was again noticed this year but in general, great credit is due to your commercial operators and your residents for maintaining this tidy appearance and for their interest in the preservation of their environment.

Residential Areas:

New developments carried out at Castlequarter Estate were visited and admired. The picnic area is very nice and is a great facility to have. Houses in the estates are generally being well maintained although, not unlike last year, railings and walls, in some cases, need attention. Open spaces at these estates are being well maintained and in some instances some very nice landscaping has taken place. Individual houses look well and, overall, many houses have lovely gardens in full bloom which were a delight to see. Your residents are again to be thanked for this type of support with your Tidy Towns efforts.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked very well with some lovely landscaping particularly on the Kilkenny Road. Road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and the new pathways in the centre of the town were admired.

General Impression:

Very good work has been carried out in Killenaule again this year but a lot still remains to be done. Future marks can be had through planning and attention to detail. Do bear in mind however that success does not come overnight in the competition but it is important to keep up the momentum. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Killenaule next year to see further progress made.