

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilanerin**

Ref: **386**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **180**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	
The Built Environment	40	24	
Landscaping	40	20	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	
Litter Control	40	32	
Tidiness	20	12	
Residential Areas	30	19	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	
General Impression	10	6	
TOTAL MARK	300	180	

Overall Developmental Approach:

We welcome Kilanerin back into the competition and wish them every success in it. Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the copy of the Community Needs Survey. While Kilanerin is a small village there are, nevertheless, places and opportunities to create environmental projects as part of the competition. The advice therefore is that you should survey the village following which you should draw up a simple three/five year plan in which you set out what you would hope to achieve on an annual basis in environmental terms and within your physical and financial resources. This needs not be an elaborate plan and indeed, in the event, could be done in conjunction with your local Kilanerin - Ballyfad Community Development Association and your Local Authority. You could then perhaps call a public meeting to outline the various proposals and suggestions which, hopefully, would be instrumental in getting the sponsorships which you seek at the moment. Should you do such a plan, please send a copy of it with your entry form next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

The Built Environment:

Your lovely Pugin Church and its surrounds are being very well maintained and were presently very nicely on adjudication day. The School is a very nice building but is in need of painting. In this respect your comments have been noted. The Parochial Hall is a charming building and is a great asset to have.

Landscaping:

Part of your planning could be the identification of areas within the village which could be landscaped in terms of the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. A fine example of what can be achieved is to be seen at Craanford who, many years ago, not unlike yourselves started with very little. Perhaps Wexford County Council could advise you on this and on the selection of trees and shrubs in particular, which will give you some colour on an all year round basis. Flowers and shrubs presented throughout the village look very nice as did indeed those in tubs, hanging baskets and window displays. This type of effort is to be encouraged and it creates a very nice atmosphere within the village for both residents and visitors alike. The grounds of the school would lend itself to a nice landscaping effort and your comments regarding the new housing estate have been noted.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Try to undertake, if possible, a project under this heading which will gain you further marks in the competition. You might, for example consider involving your school children in the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables for birds in the school grounds with perhaps a wildlife board showing what can be seen locally. Wildlife development also extends to the preservation of hedgerows, green areas, approach roads etc. and, in this connection, do read the information in the Tidy Towns Handbook. There may be a person in your locality who is knowledgeable on this subject and might be willing to give their advice.

Litter Control:

Kilanerin was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was some minor evidence of littering in the vicinity of the school and in one or two places in the Main Street. Your comments regarding extra litter bins have been noted. This might solve the problem. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

In general, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Obviously, house building, etc. creates its own untidiness, but this will pass and has been allowed for in the adjudication. Tidiness is an important part of the competition and commercial premises and householders should be encouraged to be conscious of this in terms of their own premises.

Residential Areas:

Individual houses throughout the village look very nice and, in general, are being well maintained. Many had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day and added greatly to the overall ambience of Kilanerin. This type of individual effort is absolutely essential if the centre is to succeed in the competition. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads were reasonably well presented. Adjudication normally takes place between the village nameplate signs or the speed limit signs, whichever you opt for. Verges should be strimmed from therein but bearing in mind the advice given in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wild flowers and wildlife habitat. Road surfaces are good and your comments regarding your approaches to Wexford County Council regarding the footpath have been noted.

General Impression:

Although you have been out of the competition for a number of years, Kilanerin can still progress

very steadily in it. It calls for planning and attention to detail and an objective, some years down the road, to be getting a targeted number of marks. In other centres it has been proved that where efforts are being made, local residents and other interested people will row in behind for the benefit of all concerned. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Kilanerin again next year to see further progress made.