

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildavin**

Ref: **548**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **210**

Category: **A**

Date: **08/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>207</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that Kildavin Development Association had not included a work programme with their submission. This was suggested by last year's adjudicator and is a document that would be of great benefit to both yourselves and the adjudicators in order to monitor your progress as the years go by. This document need only be two or three pages long, outlining your objectives for the village and setting a timeframe against the achievement of same. Do consult your Tidy Towns handbook for further ideas in relation to this. You can also use your Tidy Towns reports over the last number of years as a basis or starting point for preparing this document.

### The Built Environment:

The school looked quite fresh in white and is a very charming building. The Catholic Church also looked well, in its prominent location at the top of the hill, as did the charming Church of Ireland at the centre of the village. Conway's Bar was well presented. The Hall and, in particular its boundary wall, will need repainting before next year's competition. The ball alley area was fine but perhaps some further landscaping could be considered here and / or it should be painted? The boundary wall of the graveyard will also need some attention before next year's competition.

### Landscaping:

This is an area of the competition which you obviously enjoy. The car parking bays with trees and flowers in the vicinity of the Catholic Church were noted and admired. Perhaps you could consider more permanent colourful shrubs of some variety for year round effect? The village pump and 1798 monument was simply presented in the centre of the village. The stone walling with recessed seats was noted and admired.

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

Birds appear to be nesting in the precast concrete base of the bridge from the main road! This structure also shows evidence of wild plants growing within it - perhaps you could consider expanding this by adding an additional planting? There was no evidence as yet of your wildlife sanctuary. Perhaps the feasibility study could have been included in your submission or indeed this project will be ready for next year's competition?

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good.

### **Tidiness:**

The tin roof of the shed/out building opposite the Catholic Church should be repainted in its traditional red or green colour. Recycling bins were noted at the Hall. You will note that there is a new award in the competition for suitably maintained, sited and designed recycling areas. Maybe you could consider this area before next year's competition?

### **Residential Areas:**

New houses were in evidence opposite the Church. The estate opposite the graveyard was well maintained with well cut green space. Bradan Brook is a new estate nearing completion. Do ensure that it is suitably landscaped in order to ensure that it contributes to the overall attractive impression created by the village.

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

Kildavin is located just off the main Carlow Wexford Road. The village nameplate signs looked fine, but may need painting before next year's competition. Directional signage on the Bagenalstown / Myshall Road were in need of some attention. Besides this roads and streets were generally well maintained.

### **General Impression:**

Kildavin is an attractive village which continues to make great strides in the competition!

### **Second Round Adjudication:**