

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killimer**

Ref: **246**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **30/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

The documentation received - well completed entry form and excellent map were very useful to the adjudicator. The Committee continues to ensure that Killimer is improving. However, we again would suggest that a one page plan be put in place so that you have targets to aim for and which could be monitored each year. We would also suggest that you consider entering other competitions (if you have not already done so) such as National Spring Clean Week, (run by An Taisce); Golden Mile; IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter); Anti Litter League; Pride of Place (all-Ireland competition); LEADER Environmental Initiatives and County Council Competitions, as appropriate.

The Built Environment:

The public house and the shop were as usual looking well presented. St. Imo's Monument had been painted since last year but unfortunately the lettering spelling out the name St. Imo's had not been restored. The new stone walls built at Woodview were noted and admired.

Landscaping:

In regard to landscaping the ferry area was looking very well and the grass was being cut at the cobbled feature during our visit. The fuchsia hedges, which you continue to maintain, are a lovely feature of this area and were in full bloom. We noted that you have replaced the trees that were in a rather poor condition at Nolan's Cross. As mentioned last year, you have situated a picnic table at Nolan's Cross. and we would again suggest that a space be made for a car to park here so that motorists could use the table in safety.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Any planting undertaken helps in this regard and planting trees especially is very good for the local wild life environment. We note that you have decided to undertake future work under this category and this should be included in the plan mentioned above.

Litter Control:

There was only a very small sprinkling of litter to be seen on the roadways at Killimer. Well done on ensuring that this situation maintains. No doubt your Spring Clean up and the involvement of the Schools is beneficial in this category. It is good to note that the local school has joined in the Green Schools Project. We would again suggest that the small blue plastic litter bins situated by the shopkeeper at the very front of the premises in front of the nicely landscaped flower bed could be removed and replaced with something more appropriate.

Tidiness:

Killimer was looking tidy on the day of adjudication in most aspects. However, the metal girders are still at the rear of the ferry building. These have been there for some years now and we wonder could a scrap merchant be asked to purchase and remove same as it would appear that they are not going to be used. It was noted that work has commenced on the wall bases up to St. Imo's Monument and look forward to seeing this task being completed.

Residential Areas:

Woodview Estate as usual was very well presented. Most other residential houses in the village were also well maintained. As in other villages new houses are coming on stream and these tenants should be encouraged to help you with your tidy town's work in the years ahead.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road verges are still a problem and we note that you have met with the local Councillors in an effort to alleviate this situation. The signs mentioned previously for Fortfield B & B, both at Nolan's Cross and near the Ferry, are unsightly. That this situation arises through a person involved in the tourist industry is unfortunate. Perhaps the proprietor of Fortfield could again be requested to do something regarding removing or replacing these signs. As mentioned in last years report, road signs in general are rather neglected in Killimer with ivy covering some of the name signs. The road banks are nicely cut back on the Killimer approach.

General Impression:

The adjudicator's general impression of Killimer is that the village is much improved in the last few

years through the efforts of the Tidy Town's Committee. We look forward to this progress continuing and would again suggest that work commence at an earlier stage in the year to give a longer lead in period before adjudication.