

# Tidy Towns Competition 2005

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeagh**

Ref: **115**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **219**

Category: **B**

Date: **13/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>213</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The village extends over an extensive area but the Tidy Towns Committee continues with the work of improving its overall image. Taking part in the County Council Anti-Litter programme is a positive step and such participation can only bring about improvement for the local community. In addition, the daily check for litter is also a very good approach. Such measures also have the effect of involving the whole community and is very important in maintaining a good standard.

### The Built Environment:

The standard of buildings generally throughout the village is good. The national school - Scoil Feargail Naofa - is well maintained and the surrounding stone wall looks well. Business premises along the main street are generally well presented. The premises of the Killeagh Community Centre were in need of repainting, walls, doors etc. The Credit Union premises were also in need of repainting. The Catholic church is a prominent structure in the village and both the building itself and the adjoining grounds were excellently presented. The former Church of Ireland church is a lovely old building and it is a pity it is not being preserved and put to some appropriate use. As the committee is aware the old railway building continues to deteriorate and in this case too it would be very desirable if this could be restored and put to some productive use.

### Landscaping:

There is a considerable amount of flower planting throughout the village and this provides a lot of colour. The flower bed at the junction of the cemetery on the road to the G.A.A. field is well maintained. The landscaping work carried out at the Wood View Housing development is excellent and the adjoining green area is well maintained. The large green area at the Midleton end of the village is also very well maintained. Also the flower tubs which have been replaced throughout the village provide welcome colour. In addition much colour is also provided by window boxes and hanging baskets having been put in place throughout the village. The flower boxes on the surrounding walls of the Catholic Church are very attractive. The hanging baskets at the bridge area and the colourful flower beds on the river bank below are very colourful and attractive.

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

The river area as viewed from the bridge is very clean and is an important area for wildlife. At the time of adjudication a heron was keeping watch from a rock in the river area. The extensive woodland at Glenbower is an important source of wildlife habitat. It is noted that there is a separate group to take care of the Wood area - if this is correct it is a very good idea because the wood is in fact a major project in itself. The Explanatory Display boards which are erected in the carpark area are very useful and informative. As indicated the Wood is a very big project and better maintenance would be desirable. No doubt, in time the management group for this amenity will make more progress by way of better maintenance, clearing overgrown areas and perhaps creating additional woodland walks. This area is an invaluable asset to the community and has enormous potential for amenity purposes as well as for wildlife.

### **Litter Control:**

The community seems to be maintaining a reasonable position in relation to litter. The village is a very busy one with almost continuous heavy traffic passing through and this raises the difficulty of dealing with problems such as litter. However the fact the Tidy Towns Committee and the community takes such an active part in the Inter Village League has helped to create a good awareness of litter problems throughout the whole community. Also the competitions organised by the Local Authority contributes to and helps in dealing with litter related problems. The committee should continue with its involvement in these competitions.

### **Tidiness:**

The daily check for tidiness throughout the village is a good idea. The entrance area at the Cumann Luthchleas Gael Ciallath Pairc Ristead Uí Chinneide was very tidy and clean. The cemetery adjoining the old Church of Ireland church was very untidy and in need of attention. However the cemetery on the Mogeely road - Reilig Fheargail Noafa was very tidy and well maintained with a pleasant flower bed located at the entrance. A better level of tidiness should be aimed for in the Glenbower Woodland amenity area. The bridge area at the eastern end of the village was very clean and tidy. The immediate area of the old Church of Ireland building was quite untidy and in need of attention. The area in the vicinity of the Bring Bank was quite tidy. The general area of the old railway station was quite untidy.

### **Residential Areas:**

There is generally a good standard in the residential area section in and around the village. The new residential area on the Mogeely road looks well but the large green area would need to be attended to more frequently. The small thatched cottage on the Mount Uniacke/Inch road was beautifully maintained. The Wood View residential area is well maintained as were the houses and gardens at Liam Cox Terrace near the Community centre. There are also many good examples of individual houses and gardens in the vicinity of the village.

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

The grass verges and flower beds on the Midleton approach were very well maintained. The traffic sign pole near the bridge on this approach was rusted and in need of cleaning and repainting. Also an important traffic sign for the main road on the road from the GAA Field was almost completely concealed by overgrowth and this would need to be checked frequently. Also the fingerpost sign for the GAA Field across from the cemetery was in need of repainting. In fact there were many traffic signs throughout the village which were in need of attention. The hand-painted sign for St. Fergal's National School looks well. The Mogeely approach road was very clean and tidy; on this approach there were many colourful flower tubs, hanging baskets, window boxes etc. Also the old water pump at the Mogeely junction is very nicely maintained. The Inch road was also quite tidy. The approach road from Youghal was very clean and tidy.

### **General Impression:**

Despite being situated on an extremely busy route, the village of Killeagh is a very pleasant one with many attractive features like the river, woodland etc. It is not an easy task to keep up a good standard where there is such a heavy flow of traffic; however the Tidy Towns Committee and the community here continue to present the village to a good standard. The community should therefore continue to work in cooperation with the Local Authority. It is important also that the local Tidy Towns Committee gets the support of other associations in the vicinity because with such extended support, much more can be achieved.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**