

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killoscully**

Ref: **343**

County: **Tipperary North**

Mark: **215**

Category: **A**

Date: **01/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	215	211

Overall Developmental Approach:

Killoscully Development Association appears to have a good working relationship with local organizations such as the GAA and the ICA. You would appear to have a strong relationship with North Tipperary County Council also which is highly commendable. The adjudicator was pleased to note that you had registered with An Taisce for their Spring Clean Programme and that it had proved to be successful this year. Your fund-raising dance appears to be another well worthwhile achievement.

The Built Environment:

The Community Hall in the Old National School looked very fresh as did Ryan's Thatched Pub in yellow. However, the Guinness mural to the gable wall of the latter should be repainted before next year's competition. The Church with its stone gable looked well, although some work is required to repaint the plastered buttresses at the side walls. It is a most attractive building both externally and internally (with its monochrome interior colour scheme). Its gilded Stations of the Cross were admired, as was its Early Christian cross in the lobby of the Church.

Landscaping:

The graveyard beside the church looked well but its crucifix should be freshly painted before next year's competition. The attractive planted area opposite the Community Centre with its modern seating, newly planted trees and timber sleepers to the front was greatly admired. The planting to the church car park was well maintained and its new galvanized steel gates were admired. Another attractive planted area was admired to the crossroads with Sarsfield's Ride.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife area at the brook was admired and sported some jaunty yellow bog irises. You should consider erecting a wildlife information board at this location, identifying the wildlife habitats to be seen. New trees had been planted across the road. The Mass Path had been cut back and its retention is commendable. Again, you could consider some more information boards here in order to indicate species and habitats that can be viewed along this route?

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was very good, with only a single plastic cup being visible beneath a seat in the garden area opposite the Community Centre. The new plastic litter bins had been judiciously placed.

Tidiness:

The village was generally neat and ordered in appearance. New trees had been planted behind the wall adjacent to the pub, to screen containers in this location, which is extremely admirable.

Residential Areas:

Some attractive hanging baskets and window boxes were noted to the house beside the Community Centre. New houses were noted along Sarsfield's Ride. Do make sure that any new houses are suitably designed in terms of finishes (i.e. materials and landscaping) in order that they blend in with the existing character of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads were generally well maintained with wildflowers such as ferns, honeysuckle, foxgloves and wild roses evident in the hedgerows. Your missing signage is certainly a puzzle and sorely missed! Village namplates really are essential in order to give visitors a sense of arrival in the village - especially given the fact that it is so small! Do bear in mind bird nesting times when cutting back the hedgerows.

General Impression:

Killoscully is a most interesting and charming village, whose residents show an obvious care in its appearance. Well done to all concerned and this adjudicator will certainly pay more attention to the Killinaskully series when it returns to our television screens!