

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilbeggan**

Ref: **178**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **213**

Category: **B**

Date: **12/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	210

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your completed application and detailed map. It is good to see a strong committee of 12 with involvement from FAS and Westmeath County Council. Try not to be discouraged by challenges – in time with persistence these will be overcome as they have been in other areas. Try to involve the schools more in the campaign and greater pride will follow. Perhaps a shop/business front competition will stir up interest with the local business people. A long term plan is needed to focus the committee and wider community and this plan could act as a useful means of informing locals of goals.

The Built Environment:

Derelict buildings are clearly a huge problem for the town. To have 30 in a town of this size is a definite challenge – we await the positive action of the County Council in assisting the community address this issue. There is a great disparity between finely presented buildings and those in need of a lot of work. It is noted that a lot of restorative work is underway and the adjudicator is hopeful that the 'rising tide' effect will encourage others to follow suit. It is good to hear you are fundraising to enable town statues to be maintained. Good Luck with your endeavours.

Landscaping:

In general verges are well maintained throughout the town. As pointed out in your application it is sad to note that your landscaping efforts are being hampered by vandalism. Perhaps you might invite a representative from an Garda Siochana to become involved in the committee to assist in addressing such issues.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Ducks will be a nice additional feature to the River Brosna. Valuable marks can be gained in this category and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing more development in this area.

Litter Control:

Litter picking clearly continues to work, Kilbeggan was virtually litter free on the day of the inspection. Well done to all involved.

Tidiness:

The derelict premises continue to be a major threat to this category, however it does appear as if work has commenced on many of these buildings and in terms of a general appearance of tidiness, great progress has been made.

Residential Areas:

Residential areas are generally well presented throughout and it is good to see that the newer estates are being finished well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Quite an amount of new construction and restoration going on throughout the village. This is negatively affecting the village in the short term but will hopefully pay dividends in renewing Kilbeggan in the longer term.

General Impression:

Kilbeggan is progressing well. A plan will really help to focus all parties and garner support from the wider community. It will also help the committee to set achievable targets. Keep up the good work.

Second Round Adjudication: