

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildysart** Ref: **71**
County: **Clare** Mark: **222**
Category: **B** Date(s): **27/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	222

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for your completed application form detailing work undertaken and also copy of the proposed ambitious plans for the new playing facilities adjacent to the St John Bosco Community College. This facility will not alone benefit the local community but adjoining parishes as well.

The sketch map supplied was very useful to the adjudicator in identifying relevant places within Kildysart. The committee has built up a good relationship with both Clare Council and the greater Kildysart Community and the town looks well as a result.

It would have been worthwhile if you had submitted a one-page update on your Town Plan just as a benchmark.

The Built Environment:

The monument to Peadar Clancy is the focal point in the town and indeed it is great credit to the community that such a fine structure has been put in place.

The design is simple but very attractive with impressive railing, stone urns and standards containing colourful hanging baskets.

The Quay or Marina area is in the throes of major redevelopment and will be an economic asset as well as an aesthetic one when completed.

The magnificent St John Bosco Community College, the Salesian Order connection with the area still retained, was also admired for its design.

The planned major leisure facilities will totally transform this area fully complete.

The other public buildings such as the National School on the Clarecastle exit, the nice and compact Health Centre and the Church were all maintained structurally to a very high standard, and the colour schemes in the case of the first two were vibrant.

The following business premises deserve mention for excellent maintenance and colour; Mitchell's Corner House Pub, The AIB Bank, Fergus Credit Union and J Chambers. It is good to see that J O Deas Hardware has still retained to original front and sign. The owners of some very impressive private residences, that have been restored, are to be commended for keeping them in line with the Village street scape. The retention of the original name in Corry's is a case and point, as the premises is obviously no longer a shop.

Landscaping:

There was a myriad of colour to be seen in the centre of the town in the forms of planters and hanging baskets, trailing petunias being the order of the day. As the adjudication was taking place one gentleman was watering a number of these containers in the centre area of the town. The use of wrought iron and stone was noted as distinct from plastic, which is something that other towns or villages could copy. There were nice inviting planting arrangements from all entrances but the existing stone bed on the junction on the Labasheeda road is just a little tired and it could benefit from a few colourful summer annuals and a dressing of peat moss. It would be remiss of me not to comment favourably on the excellent standard and colour of some private gardens in the core area and on the outskirts, one in particular on the Coolmeen Road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is good to note that you intend to put an additional information board at the Marina that will reflect the wildlife species that are synonymous with the estuary. I look forward in leisure time to coming to the Marina in Kildysart where I can get basic information on estuary wildlife. I would also encourage you to make good use of the relationship you have with the local schools and involve the school children in a project of this nature.

Litter Control:

The town was comparatively free of litter, except for some near the service station as one exits from Clarecastle and at an area just across from St John Bosco School. The new litterbins were very noticeable at relevant locations such as near the Fergus Credit Union and on the outskirts of the town. Keep up the good work in promoting the message of good litter control to the local community, it is paying off.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category that promotes better waste management that communities should embrace the betterment of their villages and towns. Your initiative to encourage the segregation of waste was noted and you should contemplate going one better next year by organising a relevant action. Do consult your Race Against Waste publication included in your original application pack.

Tidiness:

You identified the problem of cigarette butts but in reality this is a problem faced by all towns and villages. Kildysart was ok in this respect as there was not a proliferation at any one given point, so your messages and active clean ups are having some positive effect. The recycling area at the side of the Hall was a little weedy with a litter free sign beside it!! The Hall itself and its surrounds could do with painting and a general tidy up. The practice of killing weeds chemically and then leaving them to rot should be discontinued, as it only makes places untidier.

Residential Areas:

There are a number of positive comments to be made about the existing older housing developments in the town. The established terrace of houses on the Coolmeen Kilrush road were very well presented and a similar comment applies to the terrace of houses on the Quay Road (times have changed it is hard to believe that

number of cars parked on the road frontage).

The new established estate near O Donohue's Funeral Home is a very well designed and accessible development.

The one opposite National School is still in the work in progress stage,so hopefully next year that it will be fully completed and occupied.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The two main entrances are very inviting ,the widening and re surfacing that has taken place over the last few years has helped.

The Failte – A Fishermans Haven- signs identify with Kildysart and what it has to offer to the visitor.

Link roads are acceptable but have been slightly uprooted because of the ongoing construction work at the moment.

Nameplate and directional signs were visible and clean.

Something that is often forgotten is the provision of car parking,this has been adequately taken care of in the core of the town.

General Impression:

The town has made good progress in the Competition especially in the last two years and it has potential to do even better.

There are some very worthwhile developments that the community can feel very proud off.

Finally the town has quite a lot to offer to the casual visitor,it is nice to spend time in places where one can feel relaxed.

Keep up the effort and harness the good will of your community to the full.