

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kiskeam** Ref: **654**
County: **Cork (North)** Mark: **258**
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	32
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	258

Overall Development Approach:

Kiskeam Development Association are indeed welcome to the 2006 competition! You show a healthy and positive attitude to it. Your three year plan made interesting reading and is quite concise and to the point. You have a large committee given the size of the village at 12. The adjudicator was pleased to note that the head mistress of the National School is on the committee. Good luck with your plans to develop the old limekiln area and hopefully it will be in place in September so it can be appreciated for next year's competition.

The Built Environment:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally very good with most buildings looking extremely fresh. The Church looked well with its associated planting in particular the mature trees to the car park are. The Why Not seemed extremely fresh, as did the shops on both sides of the village. The Harp and Shamrock and the Post Office both were both well presented. The mural to the gable and façade at the creamery was greatly admired and it is quite unusual. The National School had been freshly painted and the adjudicator was pleased to note that the extension is now complete and that you have incorporated landscaping into your finished scheme.

Landscaping:

The monument in the form of a statue opposite the School is attractive and unusual. Permanent planting abounds throughout the village on the Boherbue approach and in the village centre. The grotto area was well maintained. Your plans to plant at the bridge area and to work on the riverside park were noted and looked forward to with eager anticipation.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The riverside walk area is a marvellous asset to have and must of great benefit to the local school children in terms of any nature that they might have. Your wildlife park at the bridge is another marvellous initiative.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was very good but even one or two papers in a village of Kiskeam's size are all the more evident! One or two papers were noted by the shops on both sides of the village.

Waste Minimisation:

The adjudicator was pleased to note that you talk to the local school children in relation to caring for their environment. The segregation of litter is commendable. The composting workshop and information on segregation are all commendable projects. The composting site at the back of the School must be of great benefit to all.

Tidiness:

The village generally had a neat and ordered appearance. However, some graffiti was noted to the children crossing sign.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category was generally very good. There are some attractive gardens with colourful displays to a couple of two storey houses on the Boherbue Road. The adjudicator noted that there are plans for twelve new houses opposite the Why Not. Do ensure that these are in keeping with the character of the village and do not detract from its unique appearance. Try to ensure that any new development is finished to the highest of standards in terms of materials and landscaping.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was fine but could be improved upon. The hedgerows on the Boherbue Road could have been less wild. The new stonewalling was noted on the Ballydesmond Road. This ties in with existing stonework at the bridge. This should be a very interesting area when complete. It was noted that grassy banks in this location appeared not to have been cut back – was this a result of work taking place in this location?

General Impression:

Kiskeam is a very peaceful village although the odd car does roar through at high speed as mentioned by last year's adjudicator – have you considered the possibility of speed controls at entrances to village? You appear to have a great interest in historical significance of the area and this is highly laudable.