

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killorglin** Ref: **341**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **227**
Category: **C** Date(s): **19/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	227

Overall Development Approach:

Killorglin is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission with its helpful support material. Killorglin is built on the banks of the River Laune against a scenic backdrop of mountains. The rise and fall of its streets gives its handsome buildings a gracious appearance and allow scenic views of the surrounding countryside and the town itself. Killorglin is experiencing a transition and their task will be to retain what is best about the town whilst at the same time meeting the needs of a 21st century community.

The Built Environment:

The majority of buildings are well presented. There are some attractive shop fronts, one being Manor Inn, the polished granite of the AIB premises was particularly admired and the Catholic Church building located near the junction with Mill Road looked magnificent also. A few buildings were in need of cleaning and / or painting to freshen their appearance, which included the Garda Station. The rusted roofs on some stone buildings are in need of treatment.

Landscaping:

Your hard landscaped area in the town centre with its flower containers, stone flower beds/shrubs located on the entrance of the Glenear Road is a fine amenity and was being nicely maintained on the day of adjudication. Other amenity areas that were admired included St. Michaels Church of Ireland the junction with Mill Road, the rosebed here looked wonderful as did the green area with the King Puck sculpture and the stretch of riverbank. The cart of flowers and the milk churn on the entrance on the northern road was admired also. Young trees are maturing well and the arch created by mature trees on the Kilarney Road provided an

interesting pattern of dappled light and shade.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your J.P. O'Sullivan Park is in the eyes of this adjudicator perhaps the best of its kind in the country and the circulation area inside is nicely surfaced also. The old railway metal bridge walkway is a fine amenity and we wish you every success with this in bringing it to completion and acknowledge the work that has been accomplished to date particularly in respect of its stone wall entrance. The River Bank Walkway and clean up is acknowledged also and the photographs supplied are a good indication of the amount of work that was necessary in this regard. Your activities will reach the desired objective of promoting awareness and appreciation of wildlife through out the community.

Litter Control:

Litter control was quite good on adjudication day particularly on the northern approach road and in the town centre however some was noted in the corner beside the Karey Agri Business premises on Upper Bridge Street and at the Youth Club premises in Sunhill. Some was also noted at the site of the bottle banks.

Waste Minimisation:

Your recycling points are noted. To perform well under this heading it is necessary to raise awareness of various sectors of the community to audit the amount of waste that is produced and work to minimise this in addition to collecting for recycling. Well done on your recycling initiative.

Tidiness:

Stretches of wire and post fencing to undeveloped sites could be planted with beach and hawthorn hedgerow; if they are to remain undeveloped indefinitely this would provide good enclosure and increase the diversity of wildlife habitats. The treatment to a corrugated premises which included painted murals is effective. No doubt the vacant/derelect Cash & Carry premises will receive attention in due course. The overall appearance of the town under this heading is reasonably good.

Residential Areas:

Stone boundary walls to dwellings, complemented by beautifully maintained and presented gardens, are a feature of many homes in Killorglin and the stone walls in Melrose Grove were especially admired, both Iveragh Park and Cloverhill Close enjoy excellent maintenance. Work in progress was noted on a new apartment building and when complete it would be suitable for consideration for an award. The soft colour scheme of the terrace of infill dwellings on the Glencar Road looks well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It was a pleasure to note the extensive wirescape free areas of Killorglin matched by good road surfaces throughout and contemporary style lampstandards are a nice feature. Footpaths are well surfaced, as are car parks particularly near the Church of Ireland. The bridge is perhaps one of the most important aspects of the built environment and its lampstandards and hanging baskets were admired also. Some consideration might be given to developing further off street car parking to reduce the amount of on street parking and enhance streetscapes further.

General Impression:

Killorglin is a handsome town with many fine features and the commitment of the Tidy Towns committee in particular and the community in general to their home place is evident in its presentation.