

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilmeedy** Ref: **223**
County: **Limerick** Mark: **196**
Category: **A** Date(s): **13/06/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	28
Waste Minimisation	20	0
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	196

Overall Development Approach:

Kilmeedy is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2006, and thank you for your submission and helpful map of the village. It is noted that you are supported by many bodies including Limerick County Council, West Limerick Resources, the Health Board and Department of Health & Children. And well done to all concerned in being the Overall County Winners for 2005 in the Limerick County Council's GOLDEN MILE. Your achievement will not doubt encourage other villages in the county to participate.

The Built Environment:

The Church and grounds were very well presented, as was the Graveyard. Many of the business premises are weather stained, including the Garda Station, the school and the building with the old HB signs is in need of refurbishment. Geary's fourcourt was very tidy, but the building needs painting. The new Resource Centre was almost complete and the colour scheme was most eye-catching. Well done on this project. The Glen Bar also looked well. Noted several council workmen busy repairing the stone walls and kerbs about the village, and well done on the work carried out at the Holy Year Cross site.

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Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Like many Irish villages, Kilmeedy nestles in a natural wildlife habitat. It is noted that your committee is investigating the development of a small sanctuary in the quarry area on the Ballingarry Road, and wish you well with this venture.

Litter Control:

Your vigilance in this category has paid dividends. Again this year there was little or no litter to be seen about the village. Well done. The litter bins could benefit from a touch of paint, or a good wash.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category for 2006, and your committee needs to study the Race Against Waste booklet which gives information on composting, recycling clothes and the participation of the School in the Green Schools initiative, etc. The Environmental Section of Limerick County Council may also provide some useful information.

Tidiness:

As you approach the village from Feenagh, the farmyard and out buildings, with rusting corrugated roofs on the left give a poor impression. The area at the side of the Central Stores, with several containers and other items, needs tidying, and the walls and railings opposite this building is in poor condition. Due to the dry weather, a lot of dead foliage had fallen on to the pavements, and this need sweeping. Tidiness is important to the overall appearance of the village.

Residential Areas:

There are some lovely private dwellings and the one with the SC & WR notice on the gate was particularly eye-catching in all aspects. Many are in need of attention. The new Fern View Housing Estate looked very well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The signage on all approaches to village was in good order, and some were planted up nicely with flowers. But one of the Kilmeedy signs was partly obscured by a directional road sign. The village presented well in this category.

General Impression:

As one drives into the village of Kilmeedy one is struck by the peacefulness. Being located within close proximity of business centres like Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale and Rathkeale, it must be lovely to return home in the evening to such tranquility. Your committee of ten is obviously a dedicated team, having some twenty-six meetings per annum. We wish you well with your activities.