

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killedmond** Ref: **1439**
County: **Carlow** Mark: **198**
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/08/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	26
Landscaping	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	198

Overall Development Approach:

Killedmond was entered as part of the drive by SuperValu to work with communities to approve the environmental standards of their areas through participation in the National TidyTowns Competition. Areas were entered on the basis that they fall within the catchment area of the nearest SuperValu store and this 'baseline assessment' is intended to provide a basis on which progress could be made over the coming years through partnership with residents, businesses and local agencies. As such it should not be interpreted as a critique of the area but rather an opportunity for everybody to work together to make their hometown a better place to work, live and visit. As part of SuperValu's strategic approach to sustainable development in the area, a nominal mark has been given to reflect this. Further marks will be awarded in future years where more tangible TidyTowns structures are developed and local environmental plans prepared and implemented.

The Built Environment:

There are three main items in the built environment. The memorial to John Murphy is worthy of the cause for which he died. Maybe that area could be landscaped in order to highlight the memorial. The bridge is beautiful. The Church of Ireland building, cemetery and avenue are spectacular. The maintenance is excellent. Well done.

Landscaping:

To the credit of many residents there is some beautiful landscaping in Killedmond. Without proposing to make a doll's house out of the wonderful wilderness you possess, your Committee might investigate how more colour could be introduced.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Killedmond must be a natural wildlife habitat. The area is blessed with narrow, quiet roads, very walker friendly. A project similar to the neighbouring Sli na Sláinte could be undertaken, the emphasis being on the trees and wildlife along the way.

Litter Control:

In your submission next year make sure to list the measures you take to maintain Killedmond litter free. Do you enlist the assistance of the school attended by the local children, do you plan clean-ups. There is no evidence of dumping except for the one black spot. Old machinery is left to rust and the black plastic from bailing looks badly now but also threatens to trespass areas in the vicinity.

Waste Minimisation:

In order to make further progress in this section it may help to study the booklet 'Race Against Waste'. This booklet may help you to focus on projects that would be suitable for you. It would also help differentiate between waste management and waste minimisation.

Tidiness:

In a country area farming will at times be a threat to the tidiness of the roads and grass verges. Except for one bad corner the area looks tidy. Having the grass verges maintained also helps create the image of a tidy area.

Residential Areas:

No estates, just stand alone private houses. For the most part these exude pride of place. Great use is made of local stone for housing and wall fronts. Hedging and flowers create a wonderful sense of cared for country.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The exact location of Killedmond is difficult to determine as there are no signs. One depends on the work done by residents outside their homes to figure that a settlement is approaching. By degrees the well trimmed hedges, the nicely mown grass verges, flowers here and there confirm the approach of Killedmond. But there is an amount of guessing to be done. Put pressure on Carlow County Council to provide village name signs. Pressurise that body also into ensuring that the grass verges are as well maintained as the hedges.

General Impression:

A beautiful rural area at the foothills of the Black Stair Mountains. Well done in participating in the Tidy Towns Competition for 2007. One hopes to see you involved each year from now on. Lovely experience. Get on to Carlow County Council regarding modern village name stones.