

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Killimer** Ref: **74**  
County: **Clare** Mark: **227**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **23/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	22
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>227</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you for you completed application form and sketch map of your town.

### **The Built Environment:**

Killimer has come to the forefront because of its idyllic estuary location. Road surfaces are excellent from all approaches. The adjudicator's eye was caught by the Old Brogue, Cailin Ban Service Station, the Ferry terminal and the graveyard.

### **Landscaping:**

The visual effect of colourful hanging baskets and other planters in the town is quite pleasant without being over bearing or too beautified. There were a number of excellently maintained private gardens to be seen in the village area. Credit to the owners for making this effort. A planting programme as part of an overall work plan for the future would help you progress in this area. Seek out advice from the horticultural section of Clare County Council or Fas.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Killimer Ferry area is an absolute haven for wildlife. Seldom has this adjudicator witnessed such a collection of oyster catchers in full chorus plus a wide range of sea birds collected at the slob area beside the Ferry Terminal. What is lacking is an illustrated display board that would list and highlight the abundance of wildlife in the area. Such an illustration would be of great interest to visitors and locals alike. We were surprised not to find some appropriate literature available at the Craft Shop. You have potential here to raise your marks significantly.

**Litter Control:**

There was virtually no litter to be seen on day of adjudication. The main litter message that has been put in place by the community is paying off as people are observing this message. Keep up the good work and also endeavour to ensure that children are brought into the mix.

**Waste Minimisation:**

This is a relatively new area, which has to be addressed under the National Tidy Towns Competition. The Race Against Waste is a campaign in raising awareness of better waste management practices. It is incumbent on us all to embrace this in light of our poor record among the wider European community. Please refer to the Race Against Waste publication, included with the original application package, for initiatives that would suit your community. One excellent initiative is the Green Flag project for the National School. Again please involve the children, as children love such projects and learn at an early age from best practice

**Tidiness:**

Overall Killimer was looking very tidy on day of adjudication. Well done to all concerned.

**Residential Areas:**

Woodview is a wonderful example of a housing development and how same should be presented. Credit is due to all involved in making this happen.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

As mentioned previously the resurfacing of the approach roads has made a great difference to the town and the area. You are to be complimented on your stone signage at the entrance to Killimer.

**General Impression:**

It is good to see Killimer looking so well and it is always a pleasure to visit this location. Good progress has been achieved in the competition to date and it is hoped you will build on this for the future.