

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killorglin** Ref: **341**
County: **Kerry** Mark: **240**
Category: **C** Date(s): **27/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	41
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	240

Overall Development Approach:

Killorglin is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. The Killorglin Tidy Towns group is very committed and it is noted that you meet once a week. Well done on your achievement in sourcing funding for 30,000 for the creation of the new walk. It is noted your commitment to ensuring all members of the community are involved in the process.

The Built Environment:

The new development in the centre of town housing the library is a well developed and a prominent centre point. The majority of the shop fronts in the town are well maintained. However a few buildings were somewhat neglected and could do with tidying up. It is noted the work you are trying to get underway with some of the derelict buildings. Chubbs corner apartments are a welcome improvement of a derelict site. The renovated Church of Ireland that now houses the Tapas bar has been beautifully done a great asset. The restoration on the AIB bank looks well.

Landscaping:

The new public square is a great area to be able to host public displays. The availability of seats also encourages people to relax in this civic environment. The playground at the back of the library is colourful and a popular attraction for children on the day of adjudication. The riverside park is well landscaped but the stone ramp leading onto it could look better.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The native tree planting that has been undertaken along the walkway has unfortunately been vadalised and many of the trees have been broken. The ongoing cleanup of the rail way bridge and walkway is an exciting

development and we look forward to seeing the finished walk.

Litter Control:

Killorglin was relatively litter free on the day of adjudication. Many workers were out on the street at an early hour to ensure that any rubbish was removed from the night before. It was great to how quickly they prepared the town for the new day. It is good to see the involvement of the schools in litter collection and participation in the National Spring Clean is commended.

Waste Minimisation:

It is good to note the work that is being undertaken by the school in segregating waste. It would now be a good time to try and encourage businesses, particularly restaurants to undertake this process too. A community compost area could be used to fertilise some of the many green spaces in the village. Increasing the number of recycling bins will help address the overfilling of existing bins, particularly in the peak holiday season. Some of the bins were full on the day of adjudication.

Tidiness:

Areas such as the waterside car park are noted as being marked for restoration. In general a great effort has been put in by the town to improve its appearance. Retail areas were generally very clean. There were a few businesses that could have a bit of a clean up but overall it was good. The Supervalu car park needs resurfacing and removal of weeds. The grass area next to Kerry Woollen Mills would look better if developed in to a park or landscaped in some way.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas of Killorglin are very well kept and there are some stunning private gardens. The estates were all well landscaped with a mixture of rock, bushes and flower plantings. All areas were very well kept and all the public green spaces were mowed and looking well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The resurfacing of Market st is a great improvement and the cobblestone pathway adds to the "village" atmosphere. It is good to see well developed foot paths leading out to the far edges of the town,

General Impression:

Killorglin is going through a period of regeneration. The increase in residents and houses could have resulted in the town expanding and losing its "village" atmosphere through insensitive development. However, thoughtful planning and creation of such public spaces as the city square and the small touches like cobble stone walkways have instead renewed its village feel. Additions such as the walk on the old railway bridge have also sought to bring the natural beauty of the area closer to residents.