

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kill** Ref: **374**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **274**
Category: **D** Date(s): **15/06/2007**
10/08/2007

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	36
Landscaping	50	41
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	36
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	19
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	36
General Impression	10	9
TOTAL MARK	400	274

Overall Development Approach:

Kill is situated just off a busy thoroughfare and has seen a substantial increase in population in recent years. New residents appear to be fitting in to the life of the community as new housing estates are being as well maintained as older ones. Thank you for your submission, it is good to note that you continue to work closely with local business interests and the schools together with the local authority.

The Built Environment:

The projects undertaken for this year have been noted and we wish you well in the future for other projects planned, including the lights for the river bridge and the proposed water fountain to the front of the Church of Ireland. Well done on the painting of the church railings and bollards and indeed on the naming of estates in Irish. Public buildings looked well especially the church and the school, Ladbroke's together with The Old House adjoining appeared to have been recently white washed and looked quite stunning with their flower displays in window boxes. Clarendon Court was beautifully presented also. The GAA clubhouse was admired particularly in respect of its landscaping.

Landscaping:

Kill has been considered for the landscape award for its successful combination of both permanent and seasonal planting. Well done. The northern entrance to the village featured young trees on neatly maintained grass verges together with flower tubs. Young trees on footpaths have established themselves well and the row of small silver birch trees to the roadside of Kildare Tooling Services looked quite stately. Mature trees were also admired and of course your Community Park continues to impress.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Well done on your bird and bat boxes on street trees and of course the woodland walk which you have created. These initiatives together with the meadow created in the park will provide additional wildlife habitats. We note with interest your future plan of the restocking of the Morrell River and wish you every success in this initiative also. Your planned information panel providing details of wildlife is looked forward to. Perhaps a bird count/survey might be undertaken at some stage in the future.

Litter Control:

Those volunteers who go litter picking at 6.30am are really to be commended and the entire community is indebted to them. School children are to be congratulated for their half hour per week spent litter picking on a rota basis. The standard of litter control in Kill was excellent at the time of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

Your recycling point was the best seen by this adjudicator anywhere in the country and is being nominated by the adjudicator for an award. Congratulations. The landscaped roundabout near the recycling point enhances the appearance of this part of the village also.

Tidiness:

Your new traffic management system together with church grounds being tarmacaded and parking spaces created for people with disability have been noted. The overall appearance of Kill was one of tidiness.

Residential Areas:

Work in progress on a new residential development located beside Kill GAA grounds has been noted. No doubt an excellent standard of presentation and maintenance will be achieved for this new development. Both newer developments such as Earls Court and Gaelic View together with older developments such as River Lawns are presented to a very high standard and the landscaped entrance to the latter estate was admired. Well done on the rebuilding of the wall leading to the Catholic Church and the new footpath. We look forward to the fruit of your work regarding the Garden competition.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Street furniture was nicely presented and the water pump was charming in its little hooded enclosure together with container flower displays. On street car parking was orderly and road and footpath surfaces were generally good. No doubt the remaining overhead service cables will be looked at in due course. The car park of the GAA clubhouse is in need of resurfacing. Hopefully the roadside grass verge south of the village which runs parallel to the motorway will be landscaped in due course.

General Impression:

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Second Round Adjudication:

Entrance areas are very well presented, some road works in progress. Ambassador Hotel presentation looked below par with many broken light brackets to the front. Welcome to Kill Village sign in stone looked very well. New terrace and detached houses looked very well as did the Gables. Fine showing of matured trees, street furnishings were excellent with seats, well stocked planters and litter bins very much in evidence. No litter was to be seen. Clarendon Court, 1992, looked very well. The church was in the process of getting painted. The well positioned, recycling facility was in constant use and its general presentation was of a high order. Some Rochdale Avenue railings need attention and repair. The approach from the north is not as well maintained or presented as that from the South. A number of the trees have not survived and this aspect needs attention over time