

# Tidy Towns Competition 2007

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Kilavil** Ref: **1407**  
County: **Sligo** Mark: **193**  
Category: **A** Date(s): **11/08/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	15
Litter Control	50	25
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>193</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Kilavil is welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition. Your lovely village can properly be described as part of the Hidden Ireland tucked away as it is in beautiful soft countryside and affording excellent scenic views from the Ballymote approach road. The village complements its setting nicely and it is important to retain its natural appearance. It is recommended that you work to a planned programme covering a time period of approximately three years, submit this with next year's application together with a rural place map indicating your achievements for the year.

### **The Built Environment:**

Your small community hall is an attractive building with a nicely landscaped curtilage area. "The Killavil National School 1899" is well presented and its stone boundary walls with young trees behind are acknowledged. The church looked well however the curtilage area was a little weedy, it is important to keep a check on this. Your "Fred Finn 1999-1986" memorial is a nice touch. It is important that the forecourt area and general curtilage areas of the buildings are as well presented as the buildings themselves.

### **Landscaping:**

At the time of adjudication there were many outbreaks of St. John's Wort which gave a very pleasant and summer like feeling to Killavil. Container plants were noted at a variety of locations and particularly in the church grounds. Grassed roadside verges had been recently trimmed on adjudication day however the appearance was a little rough and they are not being managed that well. In future landscaping plans ensure that native species of plants are used as these are supportive of wildlife.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The John Dwyer Memorial Park is an attractive development and is being well maintained and its stone wall enclosure is nicely presented also. You may consider encouraging wild flower growth in roadside verges however only use those that grow naturally in the area and do not use imported seeds. At some stage in the future you could undertake a wildlife survey of Killavil and its surrounding countryside and present this information on interpretative panels.

**Litter Control:**

Litter control was excellent on adjudication day; the adjudicator did not see any litter, well done. In future years submit details of how you manage this standard of litter control as this can be a source of additional marks. The adjudicator noted the absence of litter bins, is this part of your litter management strategy?

**Waste Minimisation:**

Killavil did not appear to have a recycling point as the adjudicator did not observe one. In addition to recycling your waste it is important to know the level of waste produced by the community, with this in mind you might undertake a community audit. Another initiative which can earn you valuable marks under this heading would be a community composting scheme.

**Tidiness:**

The overall appearance of Killavil is one of tidiness however there were a few untidy field entrances which are a little problematic. Curbing to footpaths were sprouting weeds in some instances especially between the school and the church.

**Residential Areas:**

The curtilage area of a dwelling beyond the church could be improved however the house itself looked well. All of your private dwellings are single residential units on their own sites and the majority have well maintained gardens. Encourage all residents to take responsibility for the area immediately outside of their boundary walls.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Footpath and road surfaces are generally good in Killavil and the footpath linking the community hall to the school and the church was well presented. The stone boundary wall topped with hedgerow and backed with maturing trees located to the inside of the footpath is a nice feature. Some stretches of footpath beyond the school need to be re-instated. Your village name plates look well. There is very little overhead service cabling in the village which is good as it doesn't create an untidy appearance.

**General Impression:**

Killavil is a charming village with scenic views of the surrounding countryside accessible from the village centre, particularly of open fields with an attractive field pattern.