

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilsheelan** Ref: **559**
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **258**
Category: **B** Date(s): **25/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	5
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	258

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, which included a statement of your short, medium and long-term objectives. The atmosphere of Kilsheelin with its meticulously maintained expanses of simple grassed areas, complimented by strands of mature trees and colourful flower displays is well described by the 2006 adjudicator. Kilsheelin's situation is somewhat unique in that it is located to the north bank of the River Siur, with the Comeraghs rising to the south and the Slevnamon Range to the north. Historic sites in and around Kilsheelin were well highlighted. Kilsheelin continues to maintain its ongoing high standard in the competition.

The Built Environment:

Kilsheelin has a good mix of old and new buildings, well maintained and beautifully presented. Robinson's Bar is one of the village focal points and the retained old petrol pumps to the forecourt are a nice feature that are somewhat unique. The well-kept urban quality of the village compliments the idyllic scenic setting and contrasts well with the woodland setting of the approach roads.

The school and its grounds continue to retain a high standard of presentation. The murals, well maintained hedge, colourful railway sleeper flowerbed and Cycle of Life project were admired. This is a very worthwhile venture. The adjacent Health Centre is in need of attention and refreshing.

Landscaping:

Kilsheelin has accomplished an excellent balance between summer bedding plants and the permanent planting of trees and shrubs, that will ensure sustainability in the landscape programme. It is noted that the committee have an ongoing programme to reinforce earlier efforts.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The banks of the river are beautifully presented and their amenity potential together with their wildlife interest have been nicely developed. The ongoing programme in this area has been noted. Congratulations also on your future plans to increase picnic and seating areas throughout the village. The school wildlife project was noted.

Litter Control:

Litter control was generally excellent on the day of adjudication, however there was some litter spotted spilling out of the recycling bins at the Health Centre. Litter was also trapped behind these bins. The work of the FAS Scheme is fully in evidence throughout the village.

Waste Minimisation:

Given your performance under litter control, a high mark under Tidiness is almost ensured. There remains a problem at the Railway area on the Fethard Road in relation to weed control and signage. The continuing development programme for new housing was noted.

Tidiness:

Your plan to move the recycling bins is to be commended, as are your efforts on the promotion on recycling. It is to be hoped that this programme will be developed in the coming years and that more initiatives in the Race Against Waste booklet will be adopted in the future.

Residential Areas:

Residential properties are presented to a high standard in general and there are some extremely attractive private gardens in the Clough Curigeen and Garden Grove Estates. Railway Close Housing Estate was neat and tidy on the day and grass cutting was in progress. Slievenamon View Housing Scheme is nicely designed and provides a good sense of place. The area was well presented but there was one abandoned car which should be attended to. The tree-lined entrance road is a particularly attractive feature. The adjudicator notes your comments concerning contact with the developer to encourage planting and landscaping at Ivowen. This landscaping scheme could be extremely attractive because of its particular layout and its attractive wooded vistas of Slievenamon.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roads and footpath surfaces are quite good in general and some are excellent. Remaining wirescapes have been mentioned in previous reports. Street furniture is well presented and the heritage information boards were noted. Well Done!

The bridge surface is in need of weed control and the brown River Siur sign was in need of refreshing.

General Impression:

Kilsheelin has a track record of success in the National Tidy Towns competition and looks set to continue in this vein for some years to come. Congratulations!