

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killeshandra** Ref: **53**
County: **Cavan** Mark: **219**
Category: **B** Date(s): **05/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	31
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	219

Overall Development Approach:

Killeshandra is welcome to the National TidyTowns in this it's 50th Anniversary year. Thank you for your submission which included your plan together with the 'before and after' photographs and the 'Walking Guide', all facilitated adjudication. We note your close liaison with voluntary organisations and your involvement in the National Spring Clean. Well done also on your liaison with statutory bodies and agencies. It is good to note the sponsorship you receive from local business. Your engagement with local schools will be crucial to the long term success of the town in the TidyTowns Competition. Log on to the TidyTowns website at www.tidytowns.ie for useful information and tips on competing.

The Built Environment:

The Market Avenue and Killeshandra Resource Centre is an attractive development which compliments beautifully older buildings of the town such as the Church of Ireland with its handsome stonework together with St Brigids RC Church and grounds. The dated plastic sign on the Foodmarket and Hotel should be removed altogether or at least replaced with more attractive signage. The National School premises looked well also. Well done on enhancement works to the First Station and the Heritage Group's exhibition sounds interesting. It is good to note the Conservation Survey undertaken by Cavan County Council, this will protect your built heritage. Hopefully the heritage booklet will be produced.

Landscaping:

Perimeter planting to mark on-street car-parking bays looks well and the car-park and picnic amenity area on

the Cavan Road is presented to an excellent standard; well done also on the green open space at the Fire Station which is neatly maintained but which could be landscaped or feature a sculpture piece. Landscaping is suggested for the promoter of the commercial yards on the Newtowngore entrance to soften a harsh visual impact here. Well done on the wall that has been constructed at the Strand/Town Lake. It is good to note your application for funding to further develop the Strand amenity area. Where possible plant native species as this is supportive of wildlife

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Thank you for your photographic submission of the flora of the lake which is truly beautiful, we note from your submission that you are lucky to have the services of a wildlife and conservation expert to spearhead the Killeshandra Wetness Awareness Project and we look forward to interesting developments under this heading. The cemetery located beside St Brigids is being neatly maintained. Well done on the new Boardwalk for pond dipping. The exhibition on wildlife birdsong and wetland habitats in the area in 2007 sounds fascinating congratulations on your liaison with the county council heritage officer. The Dawn Chorus activity of last year is impressive.

Litter Control:

Litter control was to a high standard on adjudication day, well done to those involved and particularly the children and thank you for the 'before and after' photographs. Well done on your participation in the National Spring Clean Competition and the sponsorship you have received for the hi-vis jackets. Congratulations also on your participation in the 'Adopt a Road' programme. We note the installation of a composter on site at both national schools in the town. the intention to continue to promote litter awareness is acknowledged. Ensure that all litter collected is segregated

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on the introduction of a 'green bin' for recycling in Cavan town and the reduction of pressure at the Bring Centre as a result. Well done also on the free electrical and electronic waste collection organised by Cavan County Council. We wish you success with business interests in your request to have them place cigarette end containers outside of their premises. A community waste audit should be considered sometime in the future to identify the amount of waste generated in Killeshandra with a view to reducing this.

Tidiness:

Congratulations at the installation of lighting at St Brigids Church thus enhancing the area at night. We wish you success in your negotiations with the ESB and Cavan County Council on the removal of overhead service cables, and unsightly serves poles. Congratulations to the children of Killeshandra for their participation in the National Spring Clean. The overall appearance of the town is one of tidiness, well done!

Residential Areas:

The presentation of Railway Road was good with attractive year-round interest landscaping and name stone at the entrance. Dwellings on the road to the lake are also attractively presented however more thought should be given to a consistency in presentation of open-plan gardens. Newly-developed residential units are nicely presented and compliment the existing stock of dwellings. We wish you every success in the the "Pride of Place Competition" and the further landscaping of residential areas

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces and footpaths are generally well surfaced and street furniture looks well also including nameplates. The entrance gate/height barrier to the Strand is in need of upgrading/replacement and you are aware the car-park here is in need of resurfacing. The overall level of maintenance to road sign- age is quite good.

General Impression:

Killeshandra is a town of great character with good amenity features and development opportunities. The committee is proactive in the enhancement of the town and its amenity facilities and we wish the committee

every success in achieving their goals.