

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kileevan** Ref: **610**
County: **Monaghan** Mark: **205**
Category: **A** Date(s): **01/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	28
Landscaping	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	12
Litter Control	50	35
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	13
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	205

Overall Development Approach:

Kileevan is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2008. Thank you for your comprehensive application form and map which were of assistance to the adjudicator. Your continued co-operation with a variety of agencies like Fas, V.E.C., Leader and Monaghan County Council is commendable and facilitates progress and growth. Clearly Clar designation has been of benefit to Kileevan too. You are lucky too to have the assistance of the Community Employment Scheme. Your committee should consider preparing a three to five year development plan for submission in next years competition as there are marks to be gained by doing so.

The Built Environment:

The Church of Ireland stands at a marvellous vantage point overlooking the river. The building itself, grounds and surrounding wall are neatly maintained. The Catholic Church is immaculate in its presentation and the clock was glistening in the morning sunshine. The graveyard too was well presented, however, the boundary wall should be painted before next years competition as indicated by last years adjudicator. The new wooden ate at the bridge as admired and the Schoolhouse, as ever, looked well. The stone wall and bridge are charming but the postbox which appears to be still in use should be repainted before next year competition.

Landscaping:

Please ensure to submit 'before' and 'after' pictures of projects undertaken as it is not always easy for an adjudicator to identify, for instance, where gaps in hedges have been filled in. Planters were noted and admired at the entrance to the rectory. Some planting was noted in the Catholic Church carpark could this be extended to the border areas also? Given that Kileevan is quite spread out you should consider introducing a colour theme for bedding plants to be used to identify where Kileevan begins and ends. This colour scheme

could in time extend to bins, public seating, lampposts etc.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Killeevan is in the enviable position of being tucked away in a native woodland setting with a clear stream running through. The School is clearly playing their part in the promotion of wildlife and their recent visit to Larcy College was a great idea. Are there pictures available of their project? Perhaps the school could conduct a wildlife survey of the area and submit a short report with next year's entry to the Tidy Towns Competition. Your plans for a walk with Bird Watch Ireland was mentioned in last year's report, when do you envisage this happening?

Litter Control:

In general, the level of litter control was good on the day of adjudication. However, there is one litter trap in the overgrown grass in front of the derelict bungalow. Your participation in the National Spring Clean. Please provide more information on when you intend holding an information session on waste minimisation.

Waste Minimisation:

Your co-operation with Newbliss has been noted. Have you considered developing a composting area in the village?

Tidiness:

As indicated in your application form dereliction continues to be a problem, but this is the case in almost every village and town in Ireland. Ongoing construction work can give an untidy appearance however on completion will ultimately be an asset to Killeevan. Owners should be encouraged to remove barrier and rubble as soon as possible after completion. Overgrown grass at the derelict bungalow was quite untidy as was the area to the fore of the former shop. Public signage should be cleaned regularly in order to give a tidy impression. A Rusty gate was noted near the Church carpark, perhaps this could be painted before next year's competition.

Residential Areas:

On the whole occupied residences in Killeevan are well presented and freshly painted. It is hoped that properties currently being renovated will be finished to the same standard. The derelict bungalow is unfortunate with broken windows and rusted gates. Could your committee get permission to board up the windows and paint the gates as it is at a central point in the village?

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads to Killeevan are well presented. The new path is fresh and clean in appearance. Grassy verges are a little overgrown in places and really only require to be cut back about a foot to allow a tidy appearance and not interfere with wildlife too much.

General Impression:

Killeevan has considerable potential to progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. You are blessed with a wonderful natural environment and interesting features. Keep up the good work.