

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kiltegan** Ref: **254**
County: **Wicklow** Mark: **247**
Category: **A** Date(s): **07/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	34
The Built Environment	50	29
Landscaping	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	17
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	39
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	247

Overall Development Approach:

Kiltegan is most welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2009. Thank you for your clear map and completed entry form which were of great assistance to the adjudicator. In order to gain additional marks in this section it will be necessary to include a three or five year plan of projects planned for Kiltegan. You have a large committee of twelve and perhaps a sub-committee could be established to complete this before next years competition. Your ongoing co-operation with Wicklow County Council, Fás, Supervalu and local businesses is commended. With regard to funding projects, it is possible to apply for grants from the Heritage Council for particular projects - the Heritage Officer in Wicklow County Council should be able to give you some guidance here.

The Built Environment:

The School, Duffy's and Health Centre looked fresh. The football ground was admired and pretty planters were noted at the entrance. Tinaclash Cemetery is clearly well cared for and was immaculate in its presentation, however the gates and handrail should be painted before next years competition. The new railings were noted at Kiltegan Hall. It is refreshing to note that the advice of last years adjudicator was being taken with the signage being removed from the Post Office as the adjudicator passed! The Churches as ever looked well. Katie Lowes, as mentioned last year also really should be repainted.

Landscaping:

The numerous lawns throughout Kiltegan were neatly trimmed and interspersed with pretty barrel planters. Intermittant trees were also admired for their softening impact on the streetscape. The shrubbery at Tinaclash Cemetery looked great however there was some heavy weed growth in places. The central area of the village was particularly admired for its high standard of presentation.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

You are commended for your ongoing preservation of wildlife amenities. Can you please provide more detail regarding how you achieve this with next years application as there are many more marks to be gained in this section. Last years adjudicator also made a number of suggestions. Have you considered any of these as projects?

Litter Control:

Litter control was good in Kiltegan on the day of adjudication. A few pieces of litter were spotted at the gates of Hume Castle. Some of the bins in the village looked a little grubby and should be replaced if possible. It is good to note that the entire community is involved in your anti-litter programme.

Waste Minimisation:

You mention in your entry form that there are plans for a recycling area in the village - this would be a marvellous addition. Please provide more information with next years entry as to the progress made. Does the National School have a recycling policy? You are commended on your segregation and recycling of waste.

Tidiness:

Kiltegan is practically free of kerbside weeds and for this you are highly commended. Please ensure that public seating is painted before next years competition. A couple of broken public signs (with only poles remaining) were noted on the Humewood road - these should be removed or repaired.

Residential Areas:

A cottage was being renovated close to the gates of the castle and we look forward to seeing the results in next years competition. The two stone residences at Castle Court were greatly admired. The completion of Douglas Court and Hume Wood Oaks will be a huge addition to the village. The Hillview Estate was also admired. Finally a pretty cottage in white and red on the outskirts of the village was charming.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surfaces are quite good throughout Kiltegan and paths are maintained to an equally high standard. The new footpath on the Baltinglass road was admired. The surfaces at the Hall and at Tinaclash Cemetery, however, are a little rough.

General Impression:

This first visit to Kiltegan has been a pleasurable experience and you are congratulated on your progress to date. Please ensure to include more detail in future submissions as this makes it much easier to allocate additional marks. Good luck!