

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilanerin** Ref: **129**
County: **Wexford** Mark: **226**
Category: **A** Date(s): **03/07/2009**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2009 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 29 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 17 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 37 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 6 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 15 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 28 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 27 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 226 |

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Programme for 2009 and thank you for the Completed Entry Form and map of Kilanerin, details of your Art Exhibition together with architects' drawings and details of your very ambitious Sport and Community Hall.

This is a village where very large and ambitious housing schemes have been proposed and some are in various stages of construction. It is difficult to ascertain the current status of a number of these projects but their future will clearly impact considerably on the character and scale of the village.

Fine footpaths have been installed along quite a distance of the Main Street.

The Built Environment:

The Church was very well presented and the new surface much admired. The former school (1929) which is now the Community Hall, supported by FAS was suitably painted. The current school looked very well with the windows positively gleaming and many window boxes in place. The iron work at the entrance gates would benefit from a wire brushing and painting before next year's competition. Their multi-colour paint scheme is a joy.

The splendid entrance area to Fermoy Manor is backed by a number of houses in various stages of construction. Carrickvale seems to be at a standstill.

Murphy GALA shop looked well.

Landscaping:

Very fine sports grounds on the road from Coolgreany. A feature is the very fine GAA grounds. Pleasant treatment of the village pump at the cross roads. The pleasant raised bed of shrubs at the end of the school entrance car park would be greatly enhanced if the base of the low wall was simply swept. Grassed areas on the various roads are neatly presented and suitable in this rural setting

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The new Woodland Walk is a fine additional amenity for the village. Well done on the School garden and wildlife feature. This is a great addition to the educational experience of the young members of the community. Do not over look the options in other smaller locations to establish nature reserves, wormeries and plant native berry bearing shrubs and trees which will contribute to the vital food chain and so promote additional bird life. Discuss the options with a local bird life enthusiast for more ideas as to how best to proceed.

Litter Control:

Litter control was of a high order on the day of adjudication. Litter bins of a suitable design were appropriately located. The village was devoid of any litter black-spots. Your regular litter patrols by both your volunteers and FAS workers is clearly paying off.

Waste Minimisation:

The Recycle-for-Life bottle bank and clothes facility in aid of the ISPCA was well positioned and being respected. However this section of the competition is as much about encouraging a change of mind-set in respect of waste minimisation as it is about dealing with material recycling as such. The National School is wished well in its quest for Green Flag Status. The work done on the Community Hall reflects your views on the need to reduce usage of scarce and expensive energy.

Literature is available from Wexford County Council and elsewhere to help individual households and the community at large to explore re-using items where appropriate and recycling materials wherever possible so that the final amount of waste carried to landfill is minimised. Would you consider running an information evening to explore home composting for example in this context?

Tidiness:

We were impressed by the extent of well painted, neat and orderly premises within the village. The new pavements are a great aid to a good presentation. There is a tendency to allow weeds and grass to grow outside the kerb-stones and this certainly takes from the good impression generated by the new paths. The present state of the stalled housing developments is clearly a matter for concern but not something amenable to solution by the TidyTowns Committee.

Residential Areas:

Three very fine, sizeable houses on the road beside the Church were admired. There is an agreeable mix of new and traditional houses in this village.

The Elms has been completed and is occupied. The large raised flower bed at the top of the development is awaiting soil and flowers. Curragh Woods, is a fine development, houses well set back and much admired. The communal grassed area is not as yet suitably cut or presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road surface is very poor in some locations. This matter is receiving attention in only some locations to date, an improvement that needs to be expanded.

On the Coolgreany Road the speed limit signs are fine and fully readable. A fine name plate Coill an Iarainn announces the village on this and other roads. The hedgerows on the Gorey Road are suitably cut back for quite a distance reaching as far as the entrance to the forest.

The much improved foot paths were admired. They certainly enhance the village. Please ensure that the build up of traffic spoil, weeds and grass is seen to on a regular basis. Most speed limit signs, 50 K are clean and easily read.

General Impression:

A village in transition, Kilanerin is coping well with the various events – and non events – that are impacting on it. It is clear that you are well organised and have access to appropriate advise and assistance. Your community is getting on with its own priorities and continues to develop and expand the attractiveness of this charming rural setting. To everyone and each agency associated with this year's entry our best thanks and applause. Please keep up the good work and you are wished well in next year's competition.