

Tidy Towns Competition 2012

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcash** Ref: **523**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **265**
Category: **A** Date(s): **16/06/2012**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2011	Mark Awarded 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	50	38	39
Landscaping	50	38	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18	19
Litter Control	50	42	43
Tidiness	30	20	21
Waste Minimisation	20	8	8
Residential Areas	40	29	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	400	259	265

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012. Your committee of six members and other volunteers are to be commended on your efforts particularly this year because of the wet spring and summer. We note that you have good local support and are also supported by the local authority. Many thanks for your map, photos and entry form. We thank you for marking the various places to visit, it was very helpful. Your efforts in concentrating on simple presentation is a good one and your village reflects this.

The Built Environment:

The Church wall was well painted and the Church and grounds well maintained. Kehoe's pub was in good condition and well planted. The Community Hall was also well painted and it had a hanging basket and a pump with flowers. The school was clean and tidy with flower beds. The well-constructed Grotto beside the Community Hall is a focal point for the village. The statues were well painted and the Clematis provides a natural veil.

Landscaping:

Thank you for the pictures of the daffodils. The small park is a major element in the village and it softens the impact of the buildings. It is hoped that the weather this year allows some time to use the picnic tables. There is scope elsewhere in the village to plant some trees to reduce the impact of the hard surface areas, to add seasonal interest and support wildlife. This applies particularly to the large hard surfaced area at the Community building. If you pursue this idea please consider trees such as lime that have good form and are good for bees. Planting in a private garden opposite the Church looked very well

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We noted the bi-lingual information signs on wildlife at the entrance to Kilcash Wood. The local park in the village was developed to a high standard and the new information signs made interesting reading. Our compliments to your committee for the design and research of these signs. Your environment is surrounded by a wealth of flora and fauna. It would be an interesting project for the school children to carry out a survey of the flora as a means of developing their interest and knowledge of their surroundings.

Litter Control:

It is good to learn that the school children are helpful in the National Spring Clean. Awareness at a young stage will hopefully carry through to adulthood. Your litter patrols are obviously very effective.

Tidiness:

You have a very tidy village in Kilcash, no doubt due to your efforts. Weeds and untidy areas were hard to find on adjudication day. Well done in your efforts.

Waste Minimisation:

The Bring Centre and information sign was clean and tidy. It is good to learn that the school is involved in the can collection. It would be a good project to estimate the volumes of material being recycled in your community.

Residential Areas:

In general the houses and gardens in Kilcash are well kept. Coiscoille housing estate was tidy, some stakes need to be removed from the trees and weeds were on the road outside the estate. Woodland Heights estate was well presented.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The entrance from Ballypatrick was nice and clean and the new trees were noted. Some private wall boundaries have breaches that need repair. The 50kph sign is obscured by a tree. In some sections the road requires reinstatement after the installation of services. Stone wall boundaries were to an excellent standard.

General Impression:

There are wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and the mountains from the village which make it quite special. Well done on your achievements to date and we look forward to your application in 2013.