

# Tidy Towns Competition 2017

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Killenard** Ref: **1990**  
County: **Laois** Mark: **293**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **14/06/2017**

	<b>Maximum Mark</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2016</b>	<b>Mark Awarded 2017</b>
Community Involvement & Planning	60	35	36
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	35	37
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	41	43
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	26	28
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	18	20
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	57	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	35	37
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33	33
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>293</b>

### Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Fáilte Cill An Áird! Welcome Killenard to the Super Valu 2017 National Tidy Towns Competition. You tell us that you have approximately 30 volunteers across all age groups. You meet on the first Wednesday of the month for a planning meeting and every other Wednesday evening during the busy season. We don't think you told us how many people are actually on the committee itself, although you do tell us that you have a representative from each estate on the committee and a representative from the local GAA club. You hold your AGM in January.

You communicate through your Facebook pages and also through the local newspaper and the parish newsletter, notice boards, the school and the local pub. This is an extensive communication system and must work very well for you in reaching out to all members of your community. We hope that you circulate other minority churches in your area as well as circulating your activities through the 'parish newsletter'.

Your local primary school is hugely involved with your activities including its involvement with the Green Flag programme. Various projects under different aspects of the competition are engaged upon by the students.

In relation to the agencies, bodies and businesses that have supported your activities you highlight the school, the local GAA club, the Community Centre and the Heritage Hotel and Spa resort. You also list nine other local groups and associations who are more than ready to help, and have done so over the years. We are happy to see that the local authority has provided you with support, as has Laois Partnership Company. Well done also to your neighbours in Portarlington who contribute to your annual collection at Supervalu and also to the Portarlington Credit Union. You acknowledge this when you say that the support you get from non-Killenard residents is amazing.

Whereas you have only been participating now for eight years (of the almost 60 years of the competition) you have made great strides in a short space of time. You say that community involvement is the core to your Tidy Towns work. We also liked to hear that most of your volunteers "not only come to help with your tasks but they also come to have a chat and your Tidy Towns group are firm deliverers on a good laugh while doing the work". You say that your village is a fantastic place to live and that you are so proud to live there and to be part of the village's development.

Thank you for your very neat entry form. Whereas it was informative it was not over lengthy. However one thing we draw your attention to is the fact that you mentioned an Appendix on page 8 in relation to 4 documents listed. You said to see the Appendix to view the documents. But we appear to have received no Appendix in the bound submission. We assume that you meant to include these documents or a web reference to them, but we do not seem to have received them. Therefore we are at a loss to comment on your three-year Tidy Towns plan which expires this year. Of the other 3 reports mentioned -obviously we have the adjudication report from last year to

hand, but we do not have a copy of the Biodiversity Action Plan nor your Killenard village plan. The most important document for us to have received would have been your three-year Tidy Towns plan. Remember to submit your new plan for next year (as your plan expires this year) and do let us know how you have gone about the consultation process in preparing the new Tidy Towns plan. We probably do not need to remind you that it is important to take other plans into account such as the County Development Plan or any other statutory and non statutory plans that refer to your village when you are drawing up your own Tidy Towns plan. It is also helpful to use the category headings in laying out your Tidy Towns plan. You might comment a little further on how you go about gaining approval to "work your plans and strategies as approved by our wider community" in next year's submission. We assume you mean the people who live in the village and also presumably in the immediate hinterland.

We commend you for your informative map which was drawn up in accordance with the entry guidelines clearly and well. This is a great help to an adjudicator on adjudication day. The 2017 summary list of projects on pages 5 and 6 of your submission was also helpful. Just one small point - we noticed that the numbers of projects went from 1 to 22 on the list of projects, but on the map the numbers rose to 24. Another point which you missed was that in the guidelines for submitting your entry form you are asked to number the projects throughout the entry form and to use the same numbers on the map. You did not actually number the projects throughout the entry form itself. The entry form says "please number each new or continuing project for 2017 on your entry form under the correct category". But it would have been better if you had listed and numbered the projects not just in summary list form but under each category heading as well.

Well done on your engagement with Laois Partnership on the tourism project, and on your interest in keeping up-to-date about planning applications within the area. We also note your text alert endeavours, and also your efforts to increase your workforce - which is proving successful. We like your enthusiasm when you say you will work on the number of volunteers over the next few months "and his 2018 with a bang!"

### **Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:**

The main aspects of your built environment which you refer to are the Heritage Resort, the Community Centre, Mount St Anne's, vacant units, and the school, together with information signs and poles. Your summary of projects for this year within this category involve works in relation to the derelict house adjacent to the graveyard, work in relation to the vacant units, painting of street furniture, and the 2016 Memorial Garden.

We consider your church to be a most important part of your built heritage - Eaglais Naomh Eoin. We admired the old Irish script inscription over the front door which informed us that it was built in 1835 - shortly after Catholic Emancipation, and renewed in 1907. The stone entablature is excellent and the church is maintained very well with excellent timber window maintenance and door fanlights. We also complement those properties whose side and rear elevations are in view from the church grounds. Well done to each for the neat surrounds that they provide as viewed from the church grounds.

You have many informative boards. The information boards throughout the village are maintained by you in good condition. The sign about your village 'a brief history' has very good photographs of your built heritage and a map to accompany that. You describe a number of the built features near the village such as the Windmill and Mount St. Anne's and Lea church, but you also have a photograph and describe buildings within the village itself such as the Catholic Church and the railway bridge - Duke Street bridge. It is such a pity that this bridge is not safely accessible on foot due to the right angle bend and high traffic volumes using the road. There is no place convenient to park to view the bridge and even walking on it - one almost takes one's life in one's hand. It is a fine piece of railway engineering. There is an old railway gate beside the bridge. This could be painted. We happened to notice that there was a little repair work needing to be done on where the abutment of the bridge meets the stone wall - on the far side of the bridge. Well done on this sign it is most interesting. We were also interested to know from another board that the village was considered to be on the Slí Dáile.

Your problems in relation to dereliction are minimal in relation to what other centres have to deal with in this area, so you are lucky in this regard. However we are glad to see that you are aware of such issues, and are doing your best to deal with them within the built environment. Well done on liaising with your local authority on having the 'derelict site' cleaned. The site is in a strategic location beside the graveyard and church. You have been conscious of this, and you have achieved an initial cleanup of the site. You note that the property is for sale, and hopefully will find a new owner. Meanwhile we would suggest that double gates at both entrances would help to screen the site until it is restored to full use. We are glad to see that two new occupiers have moved into the empty shop units. Meanwhile well done on keeping the area looking as well as possible.

Your ongoing work on repainting of poles in the village will be helped by your poster free campaign which is in the early stages. Meanwhile well done on the presentation of street furniture on adjudication day. We agree with last year's adjudicator that the light standards at the Carriglea end of town do not appear to have any bulbs.

The school is a very fine part of your built environment. We liked the significant Irish lettering. The school is indeed well maintained. We note that it is to be repainted over the summer months, so you can include this as a completed project for next year to be considered. Meanwhile we would agree that the boundary walls in particular would benefit from repainting. We liked the notice board idea and the two tier planter adjacent. However it is important to maintain notice boards in an orderly fashion. There were overlapping notices in this notice board. Perhaps a bigger notice board is required.

The buildings and precincts of the Heritage Resort are maintained by the owners/manager who take an active part in working towards the achievement of the aims of the Tidy Towns and maintain a high standard of work. Well done to the hotel on donating the unused bowling arena to a charity. The Heritage Hotel and Spa are to be congratulated on their built presence in the village and the way in which their splayed access boundary and stonewalling are maintained

We appreciate the importance of the Community Centre to your village community. We agree that the surface of the car park is in need of surfacing. However, we appreciate the explanation as to how much you are trying to achieve this resurfacing. The storage container - is - we hope a temporary arrangement, as it does not add to the visual amenities of the environs of the centre.

Mount St. Anne's is just outside the village proper, but has significant links to the village - historical and ongoing. It is good to see that the building is finding new uses and being conserved. We particularly admired the magnificent trees on this estate and equally so the - now quite rare - Land Commission type fencing of previous generations.

Well done on keeping the precincts of the vacant shop units neat. Usually when some businesses move into vacant units they attract other businesses to fill the remaining sites. We hope this is the case for you. Last year's adjudicator wondered about the possibility of adding shrubs or climbers to the base of the wall at the shop car park to take the bare look of the boundary here. We have the same question, and we would be especially interested in something to ameliorate the very bare look of the end wall. We have to say that we found the restaurant looking very closed and shuttered, but a sandwich board on the footpath indicated that it was actually functioning. Perhaps it only opens at night. The same appears to be the story with the Thatch pub - as it also appeared to be closed during day time. It is a pity if this becomes a regular occurrence with your buildings, as the village could convey the appearance then simply of a 'dormitory town', whereas its character visually is 'rural' where businesses usually open during the day.

The lovely dry stone walls are very much a part of your built heritage as well as being hosts to a lot of your natural heritage. We would encourage you to always retain the tradition of dry stonewalling within the village. We note that you have levelled and reseeded the verge at the bottom of the hill to expose the old dry stone wall which you appreciate as being a lovely feature of the area.

Your very interesting signage about schools of the village over the last three centuries was neatly located beside the Community Centre. Referring to the schools is an interesting part of your built environment. However most of the content is historic, with little reference to any architectural details either of the older building or the modern school. Perhaps you could add a little more to this display that acknowledges the architectural aspects of the buildings. We are sure your Architectural Conservation Officer/Architects Department in your local authority would help. If you have neither in your local authority talk to your Heritage Officer about getting some advice on this. The streetscape including the old school/gleaming white property, and Community Centre form a well presented focal area of your village

Perhaps for next year you could also look at village accessibility issues and enhanced use of the Irish language within the village itself - both of which are part of this category.

### **Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:**

We are glad to hear that you are anxious to move away from sowing of decorative flowers and more towards permanent plantings that will provide for pollination, and have more long-term benefit. However we accept that you also have to consider the residents' and visitors' love of the impact of summer planting. You can work towards sustainable planting of native species and shrubs gradually, whilst not completely abandoning occasional summer bedding. And remember that last year's adjudicator reminded you that perennial plants can be just as colourful. Planting native trees and native perennial shrubbery in the soil which is pollinator friendly is more sustainable than annual bedding. It is also less labour-intensive and conservative of water.

The 'jewel in the crown' of your landscaping projects is the 1916-2016 memorial garden which commenced in mid 2016. The project has been completed during this adjudication year, and well done on this transformation of - what you tell us was an "overgrown mess" to what you describe as "a beautiful tranquil space with an amazing uninterrupted view". We can certainly vouch for the latter about the view. However it would have been interesting to have had a 'before' photograph of the immediate area where the memorial garden is now located. You also landscaped the embankment adjacent to the memorial garden. The entire effect is excellent as one views it 'internally' and in views from the graveyard. In particular we commend you for providing a ramped access to the project. We also admired the red seat near the memorial stone. Like last year's adjudicator we particularly admired the landscaping at the community centre.

The village has a lovely mature environment which you are respecting and building upon. You mention tree saplings sown by the children in the grounds of the school in conjunction with National Tree Week. In fact last year's adjudicator mentioned the new trees at the school, so we appreciate the fact that this is not a project for this year's adjudication, and in fairness you do not list it in your summary list of projects for 2017. Nevertheless we commend the children for their work and no doubt the ongoing care of the trees.

Within the resort grounds and related residential areas landscaping is maintained and a fairy garden maze was added during the last 12 months. The heritage walk around the precincts of the heritage resort is an added way for people to enjoy the landscaping of the village.

Thank you for your list of planting schemes. However we would question the desirability of planting around the base of trees in general - and in particular the site at the Community Centre which is specifically mentioned in this regard. Trees need all the sustenance they can get from the soil - and planting flowers near trees takes from this sustenance. Moreover planting flowers underneath trees can look 'fussy'. Trees are graceful entities in themselves and do not need embellishment.

We very much liked the landscaped area near the bus stop. This wide grassed area with delightful shrubbery is a welcome entrance to the village from the northern approach. Well done on the ongoing maintenance of all the grass verges and public spaces around the village. This includes the maintenance of flower beds. You are lucky to have a local landscaper who assists you in this work. The floral display to celebrate the GAA club win was a novel idea!

Although you mention spring bulb planting on the approach from St Anne's. perhaps you could let us have a photograph of any spring planting with next year's entry - as such planting has disappeared by the adjudication period.

A length of formal landscaping along the Mount St Anne's approach just before the 50 K pH and school sign includes well tended grassed/semi mature trees, and box hedging. We are unsure if this is a public or private space belonging to the adjacent house.

### **Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:**

You are lucky that you can now work to your 2014 Biodiversity Action Plan. Well done to Laois Partnership for sponsoring this project. We wish you good luck with the local authority pollinator plan competition. The bee pollinator corridor is a great idea. Thank you for the plan and accompanying species list. You are augmenting existing bee friendly plants with more specifically bee friendly trees, shrubs, and flowers along the line to the village. You are also providing habitats for the bee hibernation. Well done on making a conscious effort to use native plants and shrubs where possible. Furthermore you try to have seasonal year-round interest. We are sure that the children found the bee keeper's visit most interesting, and you have developed a junior pollinator plan for the children. Furthermore the Heritage Hotel have followed your example and indeed hope to supply their own honey in their own restaurant in the future.

The insect hotel in the Community Centre car park was noted. We applaud your consideration in allowing unmown areas of long grass along edges to provide habitats. You are also aware of the importance of your dry stone walls as habitat areas. We commend the local landowner who has left a strip of his field on the approach from Mount St. Anne's to become a wildflower meadow. In this case have you taken professional advice as to whether it is good practice or not to plant spring bulbs interspersed with a wildflower meadow?

You have bird and bat boxes around the Community Centre site. We look forward to hearing more about the ongoing monitoring.

We were a little surprised by the fact that you pinned notices to trees in the Memorial Garden saying 'please keep off the grass. We hope that this is a temporary measure until you provide a more permanent small sign which is freestanding. Furthermore we observed one of your 'bin the poo' notices also attached to a tree. This is not good practice. However a second dog notice was attached to a pole at the end of the bicycle lane

You live in a very verdant rich rural area. This verdant countryside is echoed in your village - in fact it comes right into your village. Have you conducted any surveys of your natural habitats around the village whether a bird survey or a wild animal survey - such as foxes, badgers etc? It appears you must have done so as we admired your Spring/Summer/Autumn/Winter notice board at the Community Centre. When was the survey which informed this interpretation carried out? Can you tell us more about it next year? We wondered why your village is home to a bird more normally associated with mountainous areas - and well done on supplying the raven's Irish name. Sadly we did not see any squirrels on our visit. You are lucky to have the red squirrel in your area. You say that your village is playing a part with suitable habitats to ensure the continuation of the red squirrel rather than the now common grey squirrel population. You could elaborate on this also. You might engage with the County Heritage Officer - and with the County Biodiversity Officer - if your County engages such an officer also - in exploring ways in which to further your knowledge and interpretation in this category. The Tidy Towns Handbook is also there as a relevant helpful publication. The Heritage Council's 'Wildlife in Towns and Villages' booklet is another useful resource.

### **Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:**

You carried out a water awareness survey and started a Facebook campaign to promote the use of water butts and composting. This started in late April of this year and you intend to continue this project over the next two years. These are good projects but do keep statistics to show how successful they become.

Well done to the Heritage Hotel for its awards on being a 'green facility'. The adjacent golf club compost their grass and leaf cuttings and ensure that water resources are dealt with in a sustainable manner. Perhaps you could tell us a little more about how the crèche has "actively added waste awareness to their curriculum." And perhaps you could encourage them to go beyond the recycling aspect of waste awareness.

The energy-saving benefits of walking to school are to be applauded and no doubt 'tie in with' with the Green Flag programme running at the school. (We did not see a Green Flag flying at the school on adjudication day - rather an

empty flagpole - the other two flags being the Irish flag and local flag on two of the three flagpoles). It is good to keep this flag flying at all times. Have you any indication as to how many commuters avail of the town link bus to get to work? Or have you any idea if this number has increased due to consciousness of energy conservation in relation to transport?

We cannot believe that you are talking about the introduction of bin charges! Is it possible that your bins have been collected freely up to this? Or are you talking about paying by weight in a number of different receptacles - which this adjudicator and many others have been doing now for many years i.e. paying by weight for everything - including paper! Yes this can help to make people think about what an expensive issue waste is environmentally and economically - especially when uncontrolled. If people will not try to minimise their waste for the sake of the environment and future generations, perhaps they would do it to save their pockets.

### **Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

The overall impression of your village was one of greenness, neatness and freedom from litter, graffiti and weeds. We are glad to hear that litter is not a big problem for you, but significantly one of your volunteers walks every morning in different directions around the village and picks the litter – we note the “as she goes” - we hope there is gender balance in this volunteering! You say there is a designated person on each approach road, and that they take pride in “keeping their patch looking well”. Congratulations to the children who have helped you in this work. It must be quite difficult to keep the immediate approach roads litter-free due to the amount of traffic on these roads.

We congratulate you on your efforts to remove all posters especially those for circuses after the event has taken place. Yes we think making your village a poster free village would help you in this regard. We understand your comments in relation to temporary signage.

Dog fouling is a problem throughout the country. Perhaps providing dog fouling bags outside the Community Centre in a box might help? Talk to your litter warden in the local authority also. Perhaps if you could obtain the consistent presence of the warden for perhaps a week or two this might help to get the message across. We are not sure if this would be feasible or not, but it is worth a ‘try’. You seem to be very justifiably “irate” about this especially when dogs are left loose in the graveyard. We liked your suggestion that the dog would clean up itself if it could - on your sign! You have issued chewing disposal packs and this seems to be having a good effect.

The tidying up of the old graveyard was a major project and you found that it also engendered additional volunteering. This has made the whole complex around the church, 1916 Memorial Garden and graveyard into one excellent landscaped unit.

There were just a (very) few weeds along the base of the wall at the school on adjudication day. One field which looked a bit untidy was observed on the left-hand side en route to the railway bridge just before a bed and breakfast property.

There are magnificent stone walls on the approaches to the village. We do not think that the name sign on the approach from Mount St. Anne's requires a particular flower bed, as we feel the bed interrupts the great sweep of grass edging along the lovely stone walls. However it is in place - and it is your choice. By comparison we preferred the simpler siting of the village sign near the railway bridge set against the stone wall and on a plain grass sward. The Mount St. Anne's approach was leafy, very neat, and weed-free. Along parts of the approach on the opposite side to the estate walls some resurfacing is necessary. We noticed a traffic sign which was almost completely obscured by an overhanging tree. It was for a concealed entrance. The sign itself was concealed!

We would highly recommend that you ask landowners along the approaches to the village to paint their field gates in a uniform colour. This creates a sense of tidiness on approach a village, creates a sense of arrival and helps to delineate village boundaries.

Freestanding advertising signage even of a temporary nature is to be discouraged. We noticed an advertising hoarding for a Tractor Run (for 2nd July) just inside the stone wall approach from the Mount St Anne's side. Whereas good causes need publicity, perhaps you could think about providing a monitored notice board at the Community Centre car park for such uses. We noticed the notice board at Scoil Naomh Eoin for instance.

Your post box is in need of a little repainting and notice renewal. It is in lovely landscaped surrounds. The repainting is simply required on the border around the faded collection time notice. This is a minor point. But as you go forward in the competition smaller details become important.

The recycling centre was featureless and the bins were worn (other than the clothing banks). The white bins were very grubby indeed - as was the yellow CCTV signage overhead. The signage was also grubby. The surfacing in front of the bins was poor -other than the immediate stands on which they stood. We realise that you think of this as part of resurfacing the entire curtilage - but could you start with the bin area? Despite the fact that there is a nice copper beech tree on one side - the overall impression was mediocre. The walls of the Community Centre behind need repainting, and they do not add to the overall impression of the recycling area. However there was not any litter present, and in this regard the centre was tidy. The seat adjacent to the purple clothing bin was in serious need of repainting - if not timber renewal.

You may be surprised to know that when we went to look at Duke Street bridge - we parked on Ballycarroll Lane - which has good stonewalling and neatly trimmed verges -we were surprised to find dumping in the greenery on the

north side of the lane between the railway line and the lane itself.

Finally, a seat at the church entrance area needs repainting.

### **Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:**

You say that all private gardens are very well maintained by their owners. We concur with this statement. Moreover you tell us that many residents take responsibility for maintaining public spaces in front of their own homes. Planting in gardens to encourage biodiversity is also promoted and undertaken. We are glad to hear that the various residents' associations are supportive of your work. They, inter alia, take responsibility for employing a local landscaper, maintaining their respective residential common areas, promoting village wide action events to their e-mail or Facebook groups - as well as reminding residents of their responsibilities in relation to litter, dog fouling etc. They also involve children in their work.

Both Carriglea and Killenard Lodge have upgraded their flower beds and other enhancing works. At Killenard Lodge estate we noticed that some of the paving stones on the shared space area were a little loose. This estate was presented in an exceptional fashion. In Carriglea estate we noticed one broken tree on the open space towards the back of the estate. We would recommend that you remove ties from the trees in this area also. A similar type Land Commission type fencing - similar to that seen at Mount St. Anne's echoed this part of the built environment's boundary treatment in the village. This was an interesting and nice feature. We are unsure as to whether this was reuse of original fencing or forged to match. A lovely detail!

Residential properties in the village and on approach roads were all well presented. All housing associated with the Resort looked really well also.

Thankfully you have been spared the worry of unfinished estates.

### **Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:**

You are in active negotiation with the local authority in relation to road markings and road drainage. You are hoping that the wall between Mount St. Anne's and the village will be repaired as necessary. You are continuing to apply for funding for the surfacing of the Community Centre car park. However we do not notice any particular new projects mentioned under this category heading for this - other than you have managed to obtain regular local authority road sweeping in recent months and of course your ongoing maintenance of the approach roads from a tidiness and litter perspective. Also the hotel grounds staff have assisted with landscaping on approach roads. Well done to the landowners who maintain hedges and grass verges on the outer limits of the approach roads and to the various residents who live by public roads who do their share of work also.

Parking on footpaths is to be discouraged as it is both damaging to the pavement, and also impeding to people with mobility problems or people with buggies. We noticed some in the village/estates.

The ramped pedestrian markings at the pedestrian traffic lights close to the school are in serious need of repainting. The traffic light poles here need cleaning as the remains of fly posting were still in evidence. There is ample parking space opposite the Community Centre. However on adjudication day it would have been almost impossible for a person in a wheelchair to negotiate the footpath behind the parking spaces due to the cars parked in over the footpath - some with tow bars. There was very little space remaining between the hedge and the front or back of the relevant cars for movement of more than one person. We think you could discuss this issue with your local engineer who hopefully will come up with a solution.

Some road signage needs cleaning such as the pedestrian/vertical alignment/ramp sign near a 'For Sale' hoarding for a nursing home etc. which you referred to in your submission. Whereas the hoarding is neatly placed and clean, we are sure that you do not want - even clean small hoardings on approaches. Bicycle lane marking - as you are aware need repainting.

Well done to the local residents who maintain roadside plants on the bridge approach.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Your signage interprets the village so well for visitors. We particularly liked the Fáilte sign which said "whether you come to live work go to school or simply pass through our village we wish you Céad Míle Fáilte". You said that you hope whatever the reason a person was here that it would be a very enjoyable experience and that the person would leave with a positive impression of our village. We think you will believe from our report that the impression was positive! We wish you continued success this year and into the future. We will follow your progress into the future! Go n-eiri libh i rith na blianta atá romhainn!

Note: Something that is not a marking issue but something you may wish to consider is that the adjudicator noticed a considerable amount of litter on the approach from junction 15 on the Ballybrittas road. This is not your fault and you could not be expected to do anything about this. But it does create a poor impression to the visitor to your village who approaches from this angle. Have you any idea if this is local littering or strangers to the area. Perhaps some enquiries might help. We repeat that this has nothing to do with your own village, and is not considered at all in the markings. We just feel that your village is so well looked after that it is a pity that the approaches outside your

control are not.