

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILDORRERY**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	175

Kildorrery, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for application form and well drawn map. The village appraisal report submitted with last year's application should be followed as it contained many excellent proposals. Keep up your contacts with Cork County Council, Ballyhoura Failte, FAS, ESB and Eircom. Keep an evenness of approach across all the Tidy Towns categories, the Wildlife and Natural Amenities Section is one you may need to channel your energies into.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main public buildings such as the school and Church look well. Murphy's Butcher Shop traditional shop front looks well again. It is good to see that nearly all Commercial Premises within the Village have retained their traditional shop fronts.

The Garda Station may need some freshening of the paintwork.

LANDSCAPING

The landscape at the approach roads is very good with the Fermoy road continuing to look well, the Limerick road looks transformed with the new bedding plants and picnic area. The picnic area on the Mitchelstown approach also looks very well and will be more prominent when the road works are complete. The tree planting on the pavements softens greatly the urban setting. The view from the town out the Limerick approach is quite panoramic. The concrete pillar fence at the school requires painting, and preparatory work for this was taking place at the time of adjudication.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting of berry-bearing shrubs is to be commended as this does help to feed and encourage birdlife. There were also plans to develop a Wildlife theme in the 'Kildorrery Village Appraisal' supplied in 1999. There is a map board near the GAA ground highlighting a walking route near Kildorrery. This would be a natural starting point to develop the Wildlife and Natural Amenities Section of your town. There are five Sections in the handbook, namely, Habitat Survey, Developing a Management Plan, Access and Community Involvement, Interpretation, Carrying out the work. The Committee should not be overwhelmed by this and should enlist the help of school and youth groups.

LITTER CONTROL

As stated last year this is a difficult issue to get to grips with. I note your efforts in relation to litterbin provisions, letters given to each house and student participation. The Committee are unquestionably taking all the right steps. There was some trace of litter near the GAA Grounds. There also appeared to be a problem with cigarette ends on the footpath in the main street.

TIDINESS

Kerbside weed growth does not appear to be a problem this year. The fly posting on display for the Kildorrery Festival' should be removed as soon as the Festival is over. The new clothes recycling facility near the school is a welcomed facility, particularly when it also benefits a good cause.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is a strong area for Kildorrery with very nicely maintained housing on the main Mallow Approach and at O' Brien Kennedy Terrace. There was very nice use of floral decoration particularly on the Limerick road side of the Village.

ROAD, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are good and have benefited greatly from the new stone wall on the Mallow approach and from the new wall and picnic area on the Limerick approach. The 30 mile speed limit sign is slightly obscured by branches on the Mallow approach and these would need to be cut back. The black and amber road sign indicating a 'junction' would need attention on the Limerick side. The 30 mile speed limit sign in the Fermoy side needs repainting and one of the concrete fence posts on the left side needs to be repaired. The approaches to Kildorrery are certainly improving, this is very positive as the first impression is all important. The mast near the Church is quite out of proportion with the other buildings in its midst.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As stated previously, traffic is a major problem for the Village. The Fermoy and Limerick approach roads are significantly quieter than the Mallow to Mitchelstown road. The Village is making significant progress particularly on the approach roads, which have a 'softer' more pleasing appearance.