

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	31
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	195	188

Kildorrey, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The Kildorrey village Appraisal Report prepared of Kildorrey Community Development Association is very well written and contains a wealth of good ideas and improvements. The committee would now need to formulate these into a three or five-year action plan by choosing the elements of the plan they wish to proceed with. The 'main recommendations' section of the report offers a very good blueprint of general future development. Continue to work closely with the County Council, FÁS and the other agencies in the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The recommendation in your report to adopt a co-ordinated colour scheme for the village would greatly enhance its appearance and the proposed retention of traditional features. Possibly mouldings and sash windows etc. are also commended. There are many very good suggestions in the 'main street' section of the report, which the adjudicator would agree with, however, there are too many to comment on individually in the confines of this report. The difficulty of derelict buildings is one the County Council may be able to assist with via the Derelict Sites Act 1990, which is quite a powerful tool. Murphy's Traditional Victualers continues to look well and other buildings to impress were the Catholic Church and Garda Station.

LANDSCAPING

The graveyard and church grounds look very well tended. The planting on the Mitchelstown approach will look very well when mature. The school and grounds were not very visible due to the presence of the funfair. The proposal in the Appraisal Report to landscape all lay-bys on the approach roads in a wildlife theme is a good one. The landscaping suggestions in the report for the approach roads are generally concurred with. The picnic area on the Fermoy approach is a nice amenity but would need a traffic lay-by adjacent to it for safety and ramped access from lay-by to the picnic area to facilitate disabled access.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES

The proposed use of a wildlife theme for lay-bys and planting in your appraisal report is commended. The committee need to identify the habitats in the area and then determine the appropriate actions to conserve, enhance and highlight them. Possibly the Ring Forts and Mass Rock areas could be considered if access was available. Native berry-producing trees and shrubs should be considered along with perhaps the provision of bird and bat roosts. Perhaps the local children would like to get involved in this category of the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is well in check and the litterbins are in good condition. This is a great

achievement considering the passing traffic through the village. The participation in the Inter-Village Litter Challenge is a good way of keeping up the momentum, as is the children's art competition on litter. The committee should also include in their submission any measures being undertaken to promote anti-litter awareness in the community.

TIDINESS

The area to the foreground of the GAA pitch wall would need to be tidied and defined. There is some minor weed growth on the pavement on the Limerick approach, which would be attended to. The provision of recycling facilities is welcomed.

RESIDENTIAL

The presentation of walls, gardens, boundaries and hedges is of a good standard overall. Many residents have used floral decoration to good effect. The houses at O'Brien Kennedy Terrace are very good. The houses on the Limerick approach have also made a very good effort.

ROAD STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The traffic signs on the main approach roads would need attention, namely the speed limit and school signs on the Fermoy approach and the speed limit sign on the Mallow approach. The signs would also need regular cleaning particularly on the Limerick approach and near the GAA pitch. Many of the proposals for the approach roads in the Appraisal Report are concurred with. Again, there are too many to comment on individually in the confines of this report. The margins/hedgerow on the Mallow approach needs a trim but the others were in good condition. The use of wooden fencing would be a good idea.

The Mitchelstown approach looks very well with a nice wall, pathway, planting and road surface. The proposed addition of extra picnic space would be desirable if it could be achieved. The bridge railings would also need repainting. The bilingual village signs are good, as are the staked trees in the village, which soften the urban setting. There are many old dry stonewalls in the village; these should be repaired and preserved as they are a lovely feature. Is the new playground for public use? Signage on it on the day of adjudication would suggest it is private property.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Kildorrey community is making steady progress in the competition, the village Appraisal Report provides an excellent blue print for the village to follow.