

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery**

Ref: **554**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **202**

Category: **B**

Date: **24/06/2003**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2003 | Mark Awarded 2002 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 35 | 35 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 26 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 11 | 11 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 24 | 23 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 24 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 202 | 195 |

Overall Developmental Approach:

The map and information supplied with the application form were very helpful in locating all the items mentioned in and around the village. The Kildorrery Village Appraisal Report was not submitted with the application. The plan as recommended at last year's adjudication would be welcome at this stage to precisely chart the work intended over each of the coming years. This will help create a unified plan of activities.

The Built Environment:

The many fine business premises – so well painted - give a very bright and clean appearance to the main streets. The colours are attractive and not overpowering. Some attention to detail is called for, for example the railings at the school need painting and the presentation of some buildings throughout the village, such as the Co-op and dilapidated buildings across the road, could be improved as they become more obvious now that so many others are looking so well. The church and hall look beautifully painted and the driveway and kerbing is excellent. The overhead cables hopefully will be removed in time from the main street, as they are now even more prominent with all the other improvements made. Stonewalls are an attractive feature of the village. The wall by the GAA grounds is very good, as are those on entry to the village. The GAA building looks a little neglected.

Landscaping:

The church grounds are attractively planted. The school grounds are also well planted and look very well. The children's play area is an excellent feature. The hedge and trees look well at the school. Planting outside the wall of the GAA grounds is well done. The cemetery is nicely maintained and shows great care and attention to paths and graves. The picnic area is well treated. Tree planting on the Mitchelstown Road is particularly good, as is the hedge planting at the approach wall. In time, these trees will provide a stunning entrance to the village. Many gardens, especially those on the Limerick Road, contribute greatly to the landscape of the village by their beautiful gardens. Container planting also helps to display summer colour.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The information board about the Kildorrey Loop walks gives encouragement for walking and is welcome. More projects, perhaps based on the wildlife likely to be seen on such walks would help. Gathering local knowledge about wildlife would be a useful project and could be presented to the local school children. In such a way the knowledge is passed on to future generations. The Ring Forts and Mass Rock are welcome features in the village and surrounds and local information being made available would encourage people to visit these sites. The treatment of roadside verges in a natural way is interesting. Care has to be taken that one or two plants do not become dominant and oust the range of natural plants anticipated.

Litter Control:

There is a good standard of litter control in the village. Small amounts were noted on roadsides. A continual effort to encourage people to take care of their litter is needed. The bottle bank and skip area inside the GAA grounds carpark were noted. Some litter was present by these containers.

Tidiness:

The village has a very tidy appearance. Some renovation work on one premises and a building development near the school was in progress. Building always causes a little untidiness while in progress. It is important when such activities are complete that there is a proper finish and reinstatement of the area. The Tidy Towns committee could keep a watchful eye in this regard. The footpaths in the main street are a little broken in several places. Repairs have been carried out to these on the Limerick Road and hopefully this will happen everywhere soon

Residential Areas:

The gardens and houses on the roadside play a very significant role in the appearances of the village. There are many fine examples of well-kept gardens on each road and this is very welcome.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are attractively presented with good surfaces and good attention to the roadside verges and tree planting. Tree planting is excellent on the Mallow Road – availing of the opportunity to plant behind the roadside wall is marvelous. The road surfaces are well taken care of. Tree planting on the Mitchelstown Road is very well done.

General Impression:

Kildorrey has a very attractive appearance both on entry to the village and within its centre. The structure of crossroads defines the village centre well. Continual improvement will take this village high in the competition.

