

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery**

Ref: **144**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **209**

Category: **B**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	202

Overall Developmental Approach:

This is most pleasant village set in a fine open countryside. There continues to be a good standard throughout the village and its environs. To date this progress has been made apparently without a planned programme. It is likely that more substantial progress would be made if a planned approach were followed. This is something which the Kildorrery Community Development Association might consider for the future. A good foundation has obviously been laid and there is no doubt that much more can be achieved by working within a more coordinated approach.

The Built Environment:

There is a very high standard amongst the business properties throughout the village. Almost all of these were presented to a very high standard. The church is a lovely building and it is excellently maintained as are the adjoining church grounds. Also the nearby community centre premises are very well maintained. The Dairygold Coop Stores and adjoining area look somewhat neglected, with grass and weed growth in the immediate vicinity of the building. The premises of Kildorrery GAA/Squash Club were well presented having been painted to a very good standard. The school building and adjoining grounds were excellently presented. The Garda Station premises were also well presented.

Landscaping:

The landscaping at the school is of a very good standard and is well maintained. The landscaping, which has been carried out on the Mitchelstown approach to the village is of a very good standard. However, weed growth near some of the tree planting here would need to be watched. An attractive colourful flower bed with nice stone surround has been put in place at the junction for Aghacross.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The provision of bird tables in the children's play area and in other locations is in itself a good idea. The surrounding rural area no doubt provides habitat for many species of wildlife. When the Community Development Association draws up a plan for the future, it is suggested that provision should be made for development of specific wildlife attractions. Identification of such sites would tie in well with the Kildorrery Loop Walks which have been very effectively mapped by the community. The Display Notice Board showing these Loop Walks is an excellent project, which has been completed by the Association.

Litter Control:

There seems to be a good level of litter control throughout the village generally. There was, however, a small amount of litter in the vicinity of the Bottle Bank. To maintain the awareness of litter, which obviously exists in the community, it would be a good idea to involve the schools in your plans for the future. By doing so, you would be getting the message across to the younger members of the community and thereby ensuring awareness at an early age.

Tidiness:

Here too there was a good level of tidiness in the village. The entrance to Cumann Luthcleas Gael Cill Dairbhre – Kildorrery GAA complex was quite tidy; within the car park area there was an untidy corner where some rubble remained in addition to some disused pallets, these need to be removed. The forecourt and general area of the Statoil Filling Station was very clean and tidy. Also areas in the vicinity of the Post Office and business premises were generally quite tidy. The entrance to Kildorrery cemetery and the cemetery itself were tidy and well attended to.

Residential Areas:

Residents in and around the village here contributed much to the overall aspect of the area. Some excellent efforts have been made by good presentation of houses and gardens on the various approach roads and in the village itself. In some instances much colour has been achieved by the use of colourful window boxes, hanging baskets, flower tubs etc.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach road from Mitchelstown is indeed very well presented; the tree planting and landscaping here looks impressive. The approach road from Fermoy also looked well, with grass verges neatly trimmed and good well maintained hedging. Similarly, the approach road and the street-scape on the Kilmallock approach looked very well, good landscaping, well trimmed grassed area and well maintained picnic furniture. There are fine old stone walls along the Mallow approach road but high grass and weed growth along here would need to be attended to.

General Impression:

This is a fine village in a choice setting. It is hoped that the Kildorrery Development Association will get the support of the entire community in making further progress in the Competition. If a coordinated approach is adopted and work approached on a priority basis, significant further progress will be achieved. The community attained a good foundation on which to build on for the future.