

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery**

Ref: **5**

County: **Cork North**

Mark: **214**

Category: **B**

Date: **27/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	11
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214	209

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission and a most helpful sketch map. We are still unsure if you are working to a phased plan and if not we would urge you to formulate a plan that will chart the way forward for an improved Kildorrery. Such a plan would have the backing and commitment of the community and also enable you to seek help from other relevant sources. Your association with Ballyhoura Development and with FÁS is commendable. However, the most important ingredient of successful Tidy Towns is community endeavour and we urge you to bring the community with you in your endeavours.

The Built Environment:

The village layout is to your favour and has many fine public, commercial and private buildings. It was heartening to witness many people painting their premises on a wonderful fine June day. Some of your buildings have attractive traditional shop fronts and indeed there are many traditional features in many of the existing buildings. Church and school looked well again this year. The Statoil filling station is well presented and should develop the small flower bed space fronting the street: it would give great colour under roses. The old shed opposite the Co Op stores is very shabby despite its interesting features. A clean-up would benefit.

Landscaping:

You have scored well in this section and the great display of colour was commendable. The work near the school is attractive. Approach roads are good and some have attractive planting providing a good introduction to the village. The great display of window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs and flower beds in and around the village combine to give great colour and present a caring image. Much of the landscaping of previous years is now bearing fruit and illustrates the value of tree planting especially.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Well done on the erection of nest boxes. You might consider erecting a flora and fauna display board near the school playground. This would lead to increased interest in wildlife.

Litter Control:

You have scored well in this section and the village had no great problem with litter. This reflects well on the community and on those using the village. However, you do have a problem with the Bring Bank Centre and the adjacent skip was overflowing and quite unsightly. The location is not proving acceptable and should be moved to a more suitable site. Litter was evident around the base of the containers and the skip. Some litter bins have gone shabby.

Tidiness:

You have some open unattended spaces that are untidy and need attention. The concrete post and rail fencing on the approach road is unsightly and needs replacing. The Co. Op Store is quite unsightly and now becoming a village black spot.

Residential Areas:

Houses are well presented and many have attractive gardens. Your strong point here is the fresh painting of many of the houses and this is commendable. We would urge new house developers to ensure their work reflects the traditional ethos of the village. You are more fortunate than most in that your village is compact and still retains a rural attractive setting, despite the 'dire intrusion' of a massive mast.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are of a high standard and many have attractive tree planting. The hedging opposite the mast is attractive and will enhance with the passing of time. Some back and side areas are untidy and now form a core part of the adjudication system. Some of these areas have attractive traditional features worthy of preservation. We liked the small picnic seating on the Fermoy approach: well done. Some road signs need cleaning and if the council won't clean them you should get the FÁS team to clean them or do it yourselves. We also liked the village infill development on Limerick approach.

General Impression:

It was a pleasure to visit Kildorrery for the first time and witness the work on hand. You have potential to be a high scorer in the competition and we urge you to draft a plan for the future. You have good community involvement and this is the foundation of a good Tidy Towns success. We wish you well for the future.