

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery** Ref: **457**
County: **Cork (North)** Mark: **226**
Category: **B** Date(s): **04/08/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	36
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	14
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	226

Overall Development Approach:

Many thanks for your submission, which was most useful on the day. Your Tidy Towns Schedule made interesting reading and seems sensible and practical. You would appear to have a large committee which enjoys regular meetings, which is commendable. You would appear to involve the local schoolchildren in your work which is laudable.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial properties of the village were generally maintained to a high standard. The village has the benefit of some attractive traditional shopfronts, and the magnificent plasterwork that is so traditional in this area of the country. Castlegale House was well presented, as was Ollie's Bar. The Pharmacy was admired for its old fashioned weighing scales proudly displayed outside. Walshe's Corner House looked well, as did Sheahan's. The post office, in its prominent position at the crossroads also looked well, as did Murphy's butchers. Discourage the use of curved plastic canopies and plastic signage and encourage their replacement with more traditional fabric awnings and timber signs. The marvellous wrought ironwork at the windows and attractive plasterwork of a corner building in the centre of the village was greatly admired. The school was quite fresh, and the church was quite unusual with its ornate plasterwork, tucked away behind a wall.

Landscaping:

The new entrance and gates to the GAA grounds created a good impression, with striking planting. Attractive displays at nameplates on approach roads were most welcoming. The park and playground, near the school were admired. The water tower is an interesting piece of industrial archaeology. Tree planting is laudable occupation which will pay dividends to future generations. Flower tubs along main streets create a cheerful impression. The development of the new picnic area is looked forward to.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

We noted the provision of bird tables. The bird sanctuary is a marvellous idea. The maintenance of local walks is commendable. We look forward to seeing your wildlife information board in the not too distant future.

Litter Control:

Litter was evident on the Cork road, but besides this minor outbreak, the standard was good. Your participation in the County Council Litter Challenge and National Spring Clean is commendable. The procurement of extra bins is applauded.

Waste Minimisation:

The provision of a can container in the bring bank area is a positive step. Do read your Tidy Towns Handbook and Race Against Waste brochure for ideas for furthering this aspect of the competition.

Tidiness:

The town generally had a neat and ordered appearance on the day. Weeds, however, were evident on the Cork road, and the Killmallock road. Screen untidy yard areas from public view. We look forward to seeing your new footpaths.

Residential Areas:

Street houses were well maintained for the most part. Houses on the Mallow road looked fresh, including their boundary walls. A number of houses on the Killmallock road had attractive floral displays, including one in peach tones. The houses of Bearna Deara were under construction on the day and it is to be hoped that these will be of a high standard of finish in terms of both materials and landscaping.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard on the Mitchelstown approach was quite good. Planting by the stone nameplate created a positive first impression. Have you considered traffic calming measures, as the speed and volume of traffic passing through the village is quite enormous? The road on the far side of the village – the Mallow road – was not in the best of order. Construction works appeared to be taking place as orange cones were noted. The new stone walling in this location was noted and admired. The Killmallock road looked well with its attractive displays of lavender at the nameplate, although the nameplate was a little grubby. The new footpath in this location was admired, although some weeds were noted. Some signage such as the warning yellow and black one was quite grubby.

General Impression:

Kildorrery is an attractive village whose citizens and committee show an obvious care in its upkeep and development.