

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery** Ref: **457**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **230**
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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	26
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	230

Overall Development Approach:

Congratulations to the Kildorrery Community Development for participating in the Tidy Towns Competition 2008. Thank you for your submission, for your map and the most helpful descriptions on the map. It is a pity that you did not include a 3-5 year plan. If you do not have one the exercise of compiling such a plan would enable you to set immediate and medium term targets for yourselves. As well as that there are marks involved! Your committee meets regularly. Let us know what happens at these meetings. It is important that you are engaging with the various bodies that can assist you. There is much development happening in your community. That development will influence the future of Kildorrery and you need to be on board. Maybe you could exploit the enthusiasm of the school to a greater extent. Have you suggested to the school authorities that they pursue Green Flag Status. This would bring added impetus to the Waste Minimisation plans for the village. Hopefully the community will continue to support your efforts.

The Built Environment:

Kildorrery is a charming village with its long mainstreet so typical of many villages across the country. But Kildorrery has its own charm. What was once a thriving business town street has now been transformed into a mix of business and residential. The change has been almost seamless in the case of Kildorrery. The mainstreet has not become a deserted street with dereliction all over. Old shop fronts still maintain their character though no business is now carried out. The buildings are attractively decorated and their colours compliment one another. Some of the business try to retain the traditional front but jolly this up with modern colours as at Ollies and the Corner House. They do succeed in their aim. The Church and Community Centre look well. Despite all the good work there are some buildings in pivotal locations that need to be freshened and they take from the overall image. The playground is superb. The Post Office too is worthy of a mention. Well done to Kildorrery for maintaining its traditional village character despite changing times.

Landscaping:

Landscaping in Kildorrery gives a sense of welcome to the passer by. The picnic areas, hopefully used by the locals also, bid one to linger a while. The main street benefits from the floral arrangements provided. Maybe there could be a more co-ordinated approach to this provision of colour. Derelict spots too would benefit from the provision of barrels or tubs in front of them as at the fenced off site across from the Church. Great work has been done at the GAA grounds. The approach road from Mitchelstown is magnificent and one looks forward to the eventual outcome at Farraghy Road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Kildorrery Loop Walks board is of great interest. The wooded area on the Fermoy Road is smashing. Progress is slow for you in this section. There are opportunities to promote wildlife in Kildorrery. For instance on the wide stretches of landscaping on the way in from Mitchelstown. You could leave more areas unmown, areas that would not give an untidy look, as you do at the tree plantation. This would promote the growth of nettles. As an example, thus promoting the development of wildlife and habitats. Planning definable and achievable goals is the key to progress.

Litter Control:

Well done on entering the Cork County Council Litter Challenge. How did you do? Well done also on getting the young people involved. There is some litter about despite your efforts and the bins. In your 3-5 Year Plan you might set out objectives where litter management is concerned. Try to have less clean-ups by reducing the amount of litter strewn about. This requires planning. And there are marks going for planning. Keep an eye on the Bring Bank area.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on the work done at the Bring Bank site. In order to make progress in this section you may need to inform yourselves a little more. This section is about reducing and minimising waste. Some members of your group might study the recommendations in the booklet 'Race Against Waste'. It would stimulate waste minimisation projects. Another project would be to encourage the school to apply for Green Flag Status. The ideas the kids would encounter and the skills they would develop would be brought home to the generations at home and would help in developing composting, reusing, recycling and reducing mentalities.

Tidiness:

Kildorrery is in transition. There is a lot of building happening which in time will benefit the village but for now has a nuisance value also. A derelict site becomes more damaging to an area if its surroundings are well maintained and that is so true in your case. There is a lot of construction on hand at present. Now might be the opportune time to bury wires and cables for good. Talk to the bodies involved. Much of the signage around the village would benefit from a rub of a cloth.

Residential Areas:

In general your efforts are well supported by the community. Houses are presented proudly, are colourful and well maintained. Some residents appear to take on the maintenance of the area in front of their house, also with great effect. There are lovely individual houses in Kildorrery. The older houses on the street contribute to the traditional village character as at O'Brien Kennedy Terrace. The estate across the way is still a work in progress. Bearn Deera, with its panoramic views, looks most attractive. The open spaces are well maintained, tree planting is progressing and the shrubberies provide colour. Hopefully the new estates will further enhance the built environment over time. Provision of Senior Citizens Housing is a generous, care project and deserves greater maintenance. Now that the houses have been built care must be taken of the surroundings so that they do not deteriorate, a possibility at present. At present this estate is crying out for a dash of colour. This estate has a magnificent entrance.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

One should take the slow lane into Kildorrery and give oneself an opportunity to enjoy the landscaping on either side of the road. The Farraghy side of town is now a work in progress but the two stone monument/signs suggest promise of better things to come. Both are well done and show that you are fulfilling your plans. The footpaths are a great advance for you. The approach road from the Presbytery is adorned with proud landscaping by the residents. Here there is another safe footpath all the way to town but improved maintenance of the hedge growth on the roadside would make for more enjoyable walking. The road surface on the N73 requires attention in places. The picnic facilities on the various roads are useful amenities that

improve the surroundings and bring a sense of welcome. The one at the Mitchelstown side could do with a helping hand. The railing at the bridge looks great and worth the effort. You are a great people for poetry. All verses give a sense of pride in past and place. Finally well done on the name stones.

General Impression:

This is a cared-for village. One senses this from the way the village is projected to the outside world. Someone is keeping an eye on the way the village develops and is ensuring that most benefit is gained from road improvements on the busy main road. The village is now about to experience the results of many new people coming to town. The way those people are received into your society, how they are integrated into the community will determine future community spirit. There are great possibilities and you little poetic quotes around the village may help instill a pride of place in these newcomers.