

Tidy Towns Competition 2017

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilcummin**

Ref: **1020**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **271**

Category: **B**

Date(s): **20/06/2017**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2016	Mark Awarded 2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	36	36
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	34	36
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	35	37
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	26	28
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	12	13
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	58
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	32	33
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	29	30
TOTAL MARK	450	262	271

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Kilcummin is welcome to the 2017 SuperValy National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your submission, try to include a multi-annual Tidy Towns Plan with next year's entry; this year's map was helpful however it is important to identify projects worked upon in the current year on your map with colour coding and linked to your entry form by number. The committee works with a wide range of groups and bodies that have a commitment to Kilcummin and employs a variety of communication methods including social media, a Kilcummin Tidy Towns website might be considered for the future as it can be a powerful PR tool. It is good to note links with the three schools.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

The church is very beautiful and maintenance to the building, its grounds and roadside boundary walls are superb. The Kilcummin Recreation Hall located across from the church looks well also and the same applies to the new Parish Hall. The Rural Development premises and the Post Office premises look well also. Your old church looks like a fine building and appears to be for sale, hopefully its future use will be appropriate to its past. A second school noted seems empty and temporary fencing barriers and building materials inside will no doubt be removed when no longer necessary. Our Lady of Lourdes Care facility looks well also.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

The Environmental Community Park / Millennium Park looks superb and obviously enjoys good maintenance; car parking to its roadside boundary is nicely presented. It is not surprising that the children love the Willow features and its use for outdoor classes is wonderful; hopefully the willow fencing will have taken root and matured a little by our next visit. Landscaping inside the school boundary wall looks really well and is maturing nicely; planted areas elsewhere in Kilcummin and container flower displays are colourful. Remember the importance of choosing native species and planting for year-round interest and colour. An interpretive panel should be provided for the Mass Rock.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádurtha:

Thank you for the brochure on 'Kilcummin Bog Walk' and 'Woodland Walk' your adjudicator will hopefully experience these in the future; signposting is reassuring for those new to the area. The installation of the bird boxes and bug features is welcome perhaps this initiative will now be followed up by a species count. The Holy Cross Cemetery looks well including its roadside boundary. Roadside fencing to the GAA premises and footpath was admired; a stretch of wall could be freshly plastered and painted, building materials here suggest work is in progress.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

The recycling point (located in the forecourt of an unidentified pub) is neatly managed; the carpark could be resurfaced and landscaped to 'soften' its visual impact. Congratulations to the pupils of Kilcummin's three schools for their Green Flag status, this is a fine achievement. Rainwater harvesting for watering plants at a number of locations is favourably noted as are other recycling initiative. log onto zerowaste.ie to access a global perspective on the issue of waste; the Tidy Towns website and Handbook are excellent resources also.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Now that good litter control has been achieved in Kilcummin by regular litter picks and clean-ups it may be a good time to see if the need for these can be reduced? Collected litter can be analysed to identify its source, type, frequency and location; this information may then be used to formulate a litter management strategy that will prevent litter occurring in the first instance in some cases. No doubt litter is segregated for recycling. The school children are to be praised for their involvement in maintaining Kilcummin litter free.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Some roadside boundary walls are quite weather stained and weedy to their roadside edge; natural stone boundary walls to residential properties were admired in many instances. An estate at the Farrenfore road is nicely managed except for some stretches of weedy curb, a name plate should feature here. Most houses are 'one off' and most look well including gardens, many have natural stone boundary walls. A number of roadside areas to boundary walls are in need attention.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Car parking to the roadside of the school boundary wall is superb and beautifully landscaped, as noted above car parking at the boundary to the Environmental Community Park looks good too. Roads surfaces of approach roads are very good, well marked and there are plenty of places to pull in. Entrances into Kilcummin raise pleasant expectations and do not disappoint. The solar traffic speed panels with information on speed before arriving in the village is an excellent safety feature.

Concluding Remarks:

Kilcummin is a lovely village with much to offer the local and wider community especially in the areas of natural environment and heritage.