

# Tidy Towns Competition 2017

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kilmoyley**

Ref: **2111**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **273**

Category: **A**

Date(s): **13/06/2017**

|   | Maximum<br>Mark | Mark<br>Awarded 2016 | Mark<br>Awarded 2017 |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Community Involvement & Planning          | 60              | 41                   | 41                   |
| Built Environment and Streetscape         | 50              | 35                   | 36                   |
| Landscaping and Open Spaces               | 50              | 33                   | 34                   |
| Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities  | 50              | 27                   | 29                   |
| Sustainable Waste and Resource Management | 50              | 19                   | 19                   |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90              | 53                   | 55                   |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 50              | 28                   | 29                   |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 50              | 27                   | 30                   |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>                         | <b>450</b>      | <b>263</b>           | <b>273</b>           |

### Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Kilmoyley is welcome to the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Competition 2017, thank you for your participation over the past five years, we have enjoyed our visits to your charming village. a multi-annual plan was not included in your submission this year, try to have one for next year as it is difficult to make significant progress without one. The map provided was helpful for adjudication, thank you, it would have been perfect if projects had been colour-coded too. The committee is quite large with a large number of volunteers to call upon, well done it is clear that the Kilmoyley community is cohesive and has a strong commitment to their home place. Your use of social media as well as traditional communication channels is good as it reaches a wider audience. Links with other bodies are good as is your liaison with the national school which augers well for the future.

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

Kilmoyley's Community Centre and its car park look really well and the school and its grounds enjoy good maintenance; the church and its grounds were especially admired. An Tochar Ban is nicely presented too. Work accomplished for this year is favourably noted including painting and planting at the cottage. Replastered walls plus tarring and kerbing and treatment to roadside fencing all make their contribution to the overall appearance of the village. well done!

### Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Flower beds located at the Community Centre and at the recycling point were admired for their colour and profusion. Maintenance of existing planted areas and green open spaces and roadside margins is to a high standard. It is good to note planting for Spring also; include the other seasons too especially winter colour. Be mindful of the needs of wildlife in your choice of plants and choose native where possible to support bio-diversity.

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

The sports grounds and roadside boundary enjoy good presentation. The cemetery looks well too however its boundary wall could be improved. Lough Lerrig Amenity Area is charming and the picnic benches here are so inviting. The wildflower area planted at the lough will hopefully attract pollinators. Consideration should be given to undertaking a species survey of the flora and fauna of Kilmoyley with the findings published on an interpretive panel at the lake. It is important to know if there are invasive species present as if left unchecked they will undermine local flora and fauna eventually. Consult the Tidy Towns website and Handbook for ideas on how to get started; a pollination project might also be considered. The Butterfly Bistro and Insect Inn are noteworthy initiatives as are the bat boxes, it would be good to have results regarding their visitors. Well done on the duck nesting boxes at Lerrig

Lake.

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

Kilmoyley's recycling point is being neatly maintained and presented to a high standard; landscaping here was admired. Congratulations to the pupils of the national school on their Green Flag quest, we anticipate further achievements. For optimum performance under this heading it is necessary to choose projects aimed at prevention of waste at source and efficiencies in water and energy resources; the installation of water butts throughout the community for use in watering planted areas would be a good place to start in water management; the provision of community travel will bring about energy savings as will the installation of LED lighting. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook and log onto [localprevention.ie](http://localprevention.ie) for more ideas and guidelines.

### **Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**

Litter and dumping were non-existent in Kilmoyley during adjudication; clearly the signs at the lake are effective and the regular litter-picks invaluable in maintaining Kilmoyley litter free. The segregation of litter for recycling is commendable. A number of rusted roof and untidy sites were noted which would benefit the appearance of the village if treated. The commercial yards of the top of the Ardfert Road near the Post Office premises should be screened at their roadside boundary to create greater enclosure. Well painted street furniture looks well.

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

Roadside areas to boundary walls create a very poor first impression of Kilmoyley given that they line the entrance to the village. Many gardens were admired, well done on the Garden Competition; however, some are still in need of improvement / development. We empathise with the community on the issue of flooding and flood relief and the impracticality of landscaping until this issue has been resolved, we wish you success for the completion of drainage and pipe works.

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

Nameplates and speed limit signs looked well many having been recently refurbished. Your adjudicator found it difficult to negotiate the village as it is so dispersed with not many landmarks. Additional signposting is necessary to enable first time visitors to Kilmoyley orientate themselves better. Hedgerows left in their natural state is fine as long as there is no overspill onto the road making it dangerous for pedestrians and motorists. It is excellent that the nesting season is respected in the maintenance of hedgerows.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

Kilmoyley is a charming village with attractive features; more can be achieved for the interpretation and presentation of your natural environment and wildlife.