

Tidy Towns Competition 2010

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery** Ref: **457**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **252**
Category: **B** Date(s): **05/07/2010**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009	Mark Awarded 2010
Overall Development Approach	50	36	37
The Built Environment	50	36	36
Landscaping	50	33	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25	25
Litter Control	50	30	30
Waste Minimisation	20	8	10
Tidiness	30	18	18
Residential Areas	40	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	400	246	252

Overall Development Approach:

Kildorrery is welcome to the 2010 National TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your submission which included a wonderful map prepared by the primary school students, they deserve a special thank you and please note an increase in mark for their input. Your TidyTowns Action Plan 2009-2011 is acknowledged and we wish you every success in its implementation. We note from your submission that you work with all community stakeholders, both the local community and schools as well as the business community and statutory bodies. Kildorrery is a lovely village in a beautiful setting and indeed there are many scenic views of the surrounding countryside from the village and its approach roads and in the event of further development these should be protected.

The Built Environment:

Both the school and its associated playing grounds together with the church and its grounds are being nicely maintained. Shopfronts in the village centre such as the Corner House, Oilies Bar and Sheehan's Hill Top Lounge are all nicely presented business premises. Hopefully work in progress on the infill development at the top of the Kilmallock Road near the crossroads will be finished to a high standard also. Your activities regarding the Community / FAS office and your plans to redevelop it as a Heritage building will have a successful outcome we hope. We wish you well with your other projects also. Work accomplished for the grotto on the Fermoy road and the playground equipment has been noted together with new signs and seating.

Landscaping:

Well done on landscaping to picnic sites both on the Fermoy road and on the Kilmallock road and again your newly developed Grotto at the roadside to the cemetery is admired; landscaping to the boundary of the school

playing grounds is successful also and the standard of maintenance in terms of well shaped grass banks and neatly maintained verges with colourful flower displays makes a very strong statement about Kildorrery when first experienced on entering the village. The entrance to the Irish Tree Centre Nursery on the Fermoy road looks well also with its young trees and flowering shrubs. Well done on the replacement of trees on the Main Street and on spring planting. It is good to note your awareness of the importance of planting native species and how important this is for wildlife.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The proposed Wildflower Meadow on the Mitchelstown approach road is an excellent initiative and we look forward to a successful outcome here. The wild bird interpretive panel on the school is both informative and attractive and well done also on the design and maintenance of the Denis O'Doherty Memorial Park on the Fermoy road. The children's playground on the Fermoy road is noted also and the excellent maintenance to the play equipment. It is hoped that your application to Ballyhoura Development for funding to carry out a wildlife survey and develop a wildlife trail is successful and we look forward to developments here over the next few years.

Litter Control:

Well done on your participation in the Cork County Council North Cork Litter Challenge. No doubt this is, at least in part, responsible for the high standard of litter control in Kildorrery. We note the participation of children also in your regular clean-ups and your daily litter picking activities, well done. No doubt litter and other rubbish collected is segregated for recycling.

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling point in the GAA grounds is being neatly maintained and there was no overspill or related untidiness on the day of inspection. Well done on your participation in the Ballyhoura Development composting workshops and of course well done also on the construction of vegetable beds at the school using recycled timber. The amenity development on the Fermoy road is acknowledged. Hopefully next year's adjudicator will be congratulating the primary school children on achieving Green Flag status; no doubt their visit to Kilmallock recycling centre will inspire them in this initiative. Good luck also with the proposed construction of a compost silo at Oaklawn for collected waste material.

Tidiness:

Your ongoing negotiations with Cork County Council to underground the overhead service cables are acknowledged and we wish you every success in this regard, particularly in respect of the two ugly service poles located on footpaths at the crossroads which, together with the overhead service cables, could be described as visual blight. Cognisance is taken of your correspondence with the owners of derelict premises and this will bring about the desired outcome hopefully in the not too distant future. Your work for street furniture such as picnic tables, planters and road signs is appreciated. The overall appearance of Kildorrery is one of tidiness, well done.

Residential Areas:

The Oaklawn development is a charming small development and is beautifully landscaped and maintained, well done to all responsible. Some dwellings on the Kilmallock road have yet to develop their garden and grass the roadside area to their boundary walls to bring them in line with others, no doubt this will be achieved for next year's competition. The small new estate near the Garda station enjoys good maintenance also; some terraced townhouses are in need of repainting to freshen their appearance. We wish you well with your goal regarding footpaths to the village from Gort na Si upon the completion of dwellings here. Well done on other achievements under this heading.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

All approach roads and entrances into the village from approach roads are presented to a high standard and appear to enjoy good maintenance in respect of nameplates, picnic sites, verges, road signs, etc., well done. Stretches of footpath and road surface on the Kilmallock road are quite good and your talks with the Council regarding road and footpath surfaces in the centre are noted. Good luck regarding your representations to Ballyhoura Development for funding to purchase top soil for verges on the Mallow road.

General Impression:

Kildorrery is an attractive village where the commitment of the community is evident in the appearance of the village and its approach roads and we look forward to your continued participation in the years to come.

