

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Kildysart** Ref: **71**  
County: **Clare** Mark: **249**  
Category: **B** Date(s): **27/06/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	37
The Built Environment	50	37
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	6
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>249</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

Thank you the Kildysart TidyTowns Committee for your entry on behalf of Kildysart village to the 2008 TidyTowns Competition. Welcome to the village of Kildysart to the 2008 national TidyTowns competition.

Thanks to your Committee of twenty people who take the time and effort to attend your monthly/regular meetings in addition to other TidyTowns events. Your Committee is doing very worthwhile work in this picturesque village of Kildysart of less than 1,000 people. A recommendation for your Committee is the preparation of a very basic three-year plan for Kildysart to assist you in the development of Tidy Town targets and initiatives. Your three-year plan would be a new initiative next year and would assist the Committee in forward planning and setting targets up to the end of 2011. This is worthwhile and can of course be altered as the Committee's work progresses over time. A maximum of two pages is all that is required and could be set out in bullet points. Keep it simple, it maybe a matter of listing all new and planned projects.

Your ongoing partnership work and those that have supported your activities is of obvious benefit to all. This is a vital ingredient in the success of TidyTowns activities and could in itself be a specific target in your three-year plan. Your communications strategy of the use of the Parish Newsletter, newspaper reports, and individual contacts is worthwhile. The involvement of the local schoolchildren and teachers in discussions on the improvement of the local environment, including the Art Competition for Litter, is a strategy that this adjudicator would praise. The improvement and enhancement of the community is a praiseworthy aim and your involvement in TidyTowns competition will continue to be of benefit to the people of Kildysart.

Thanks also for your Ordnance Survey Map, outlining key places of activity of TidyTowns. Also thanks for the map of the Daycare Centre and Childcare facility on Main street.

I wish you all the best with your planned activities into the future. Keep up the good work.

### **The Built Environment:**

The Village of Kildysart continues to improve and progress over recent years. This is good to see. Kildysart is situated on a very beautiful location overlooking the Estuary. It includes the old village centre with the fine elevated landmark in the square, the Quay area, working farm households, some excellent older and more recent individual and small-scale residential developments. It also features the many well adorned and decorated commercial premises and shops. Some of these are only recently in business or in business in wonderfully renovated premises, this is a real plus for this traditional village to see new businesses being developed side by side with more established ones. All these developments are of advantage to Kildysart and its population.

The mixture of new and old residential areas is in balance and in general looked well on the day of my visit.

The new residential estate looked well as did the lovely individual houses around the village. Well done to all concerned.

The planned and ongoing work on the graveyard is to be applauded.

Main Street has a grand vista of the Estuary and the buildings on both sides of the street frame this lovely view. Many commercial and public sector premises showed a wonderful display of colour on well-maintained shopfronts and front of buildings. These included: St. John Bosco Community College; Doohan's Foodstore; Corry; J.O'Dea; Michael O'Grady Victuallers; The Alders Pub; Mulherns; J. Hogan; Michael's Centra; The Bianconi; Fergus Credit Union Ltd.; Treasures Graces; the Post Office; Twin Blades 2; Mitchell's Corner Bar; Leonard's DayBreak; and the Health Centre. However, the AIB premises needs to be painted.

The Children's Playground was good to see. The Community Centre will only benefit by its planned extensive re-modelling.

The nameplate on the memorial in the Village square needs to be cleaned up to help identify the person so honoured.

### **Landscaping:**

The commercial and residential premises in the village are mainly well landscaped with some wonderful displays of hanging flower baskets and other flower containers. The landscaped areas on the entrances to Kildysart are excellent with stone walls, staked trees, and stone flowerbeds, in addition to some appropriate seating. This adjudicator counted up to ten stone flowerbeds on the Ennis Road entrance. The Quayside also has some appropriate stone surrounds with nice shrubs planted. Well done to all involved.

Well done to all involved in the various locations for good landscaping in the Individual houses and the newer residential estate was well presented.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Kildysart is situated on a beautiful location overlooking the waters of the Estuary and the Shannon. Every attempt should be made to take advantage of this location. Could further research be undertaken into the feasibility of setting some Wildlife Interpretative panels for display at the Village centre and at the Quayside. The Interpretative panel in the village for Crovraghan to Kilrush Shore Angling is a positive feature. Some expert advice should be sought for the protection of existing wildlife and other species and the introduction of further birdlife. Also similar plans to get expert advice on the wild bird habitats might be considered.

The involvement of the school children in appropriate projects such as Wildlife Interpretative Display is so very worthwhile.

### **Litter Control:**

The Village was mainly litter free on the day of my visit and obviously the work of TidyTowns Committee is paying dividends. It's important to generate the interest of local schoolchildren in this work.

### **Waste Minimisation:**

The purpose of this category is to encourage TidyTowns Committees and the local community to get involved in projects that will reduce waste and encourage recycling. Projects could include community guidance on methods of reducing waste such as segregating litter during clean-up events.

The strategy of working with Environmental Department of the County Council on this task is worthwhile.

The Rehab Recycling partnership and its slogan of "don't dispose of it recycle it" is positive.

Recycling of newspapers and batteries and tyres is noted.

**Tidiness:**

Kildysart looked neat and tidy on the day of my visit. Some directional and commercial signs need a coat of paint. The boundary wall on the Shannon Development Enterprise Centre has been damaged and is in need of repair.

**Residential Areas:**

The residential estate of Dun Glenna looked very well on my visit, with nice stone walls and appropriate tree planting. Good road surface and public lighting are welcome features. The common grassed area was well maintained. The older houses throughout Kildysart are mainly well presented with wonderful displays of hanging flower baskets and all these houses help retain the village character and charm of Kildysart. One residence of note looked quite magnificent on lower Main Street, with its stone front and red surrounds.

The newly developed estate, Cluain Chormaic, looked wonderful and is a credit to all involved in this project, including the planners, developers, and of course the residents. These 24 houses are a pretty picture with a well maintained grassed area, and appropriate tree planting including Mountain Ash. The perimeter wall was one of nice natural stone. The Mayor of Clare only opened this estate on 23rd June, just a few days prior to the visit of this adjudicator; therefore I feel it appropriate to wish all the residents happiness in their new homes.

Congratulations to all concerned on the upkeep of their residential areas throughout Kildysart.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The access roads were well maintained and the landscaped areas and the stone walls help to show the village to its best advantage. The Kildysart placename signs of Kildysart –Fisherman's Haven are attractive.

Well done to all concerned

**General Impression:**

Kildysart is a lovely village overlooking the Estuary with much natural beauty close by the village. It's important for the Committee and all involved to maintain Kildysart's natural and built beauty for the benefit of locals and visitors alike.

The ongoing co-operation between the public, and others, and the TidyTowns Committee is evident in the progress made by Kildysart in the competition.

Congratulations on your 2008 entry to TidyTowns Competition and good luck for the future. I look forward to further visits to your village.