

Tidy Towns Competition 2025

Adjudication Report

Centre:	Kilmead - Cill Míde	Ref:	375
County:	Kildare	Mark:	332
Category:	B	Date(s):	09/07/2025

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2025
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	56
Streetscape & Public Places	80	41
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	49
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	38
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	19
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	61
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	37
TOTAL MARK	550	332

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Bhailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2025. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur iarratas a chur isteach. Maith sibh don obair atá déanta agaibh in bhur cheantar go dtí seo - guímid gach rath oraibh i bhur dtionscadail amach anseo. Ádh mór. Kilmead is welcome to the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition for 2025. Thank you for your application and map. Kilmead are working continuously with a small committee to develop and enhance the village and surroundings. Hopefully more community members will join and support your great work. Covid did have a big effect on groups, finding it difficult to get motivated after it. There are a number of volunteers willing to help. Sometimes people like to volunteer but not have a role on a committee. Meetings are held, with more frequent meetings planned for the future. You are also fortunate to have workers from CE helping with the maintenance of the village. The committee members are also involved with other groups in the community and this is commended, with all groups supporting each other. There is ongoing support from Kildare County Council, all other agencies and businesses for funding and advice. Communication to the wider community is via social media, newspapers, notice boards and one to one. There is good interaction with the school with help from the students with clean-up days and biodiversity projects. The village has participated in the Tidy Towns competition for over thirty years which shows good commitment. The village has grown in population, with your work in the village helping to develop and enhance the village and surroundings, making it a better place to live and visit.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

The village is rich in heritage with a number of heritage sites in the village and surrounding area. The village is also spread over three areas with Moat of Ardsclull, St Lawrence's GAA and Camogie complex a distance away. Have you considered a heritage trail for the village and adjacent heritage sites? It is important to protect our heritage for future generations. The app which can be downloaded and used on your phone is good for visitors to follow heritage information signs. There is funding available from the heritage council and perhaps Leader for such projects. St Ita's Church and graveyard was well presented and the newly painted white railings opposite, brightened up this area of the streetscape. The Church Grotto was also admired. Fitzgerald's graveyard dating back to the 15th century is well maintained. Scoil Ide Naofa and grounds were also admired on its presentation. Moat of Ardsclull provides a superb amenity area with ample space for recreational walks through the trees and plenty of space for an enjoyable break from a journey. It has become a commemorative site for Gordon Bennett. St Lawrence's GAA and Camogie, although some distance away is a superb facility where groups can come together, network and enjoy the recreational and sporting facilities this complex has to offer.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The boundary of the village has an abundance of trees and hedging which is complemented by colourful

landscaping noted throughout the village. The colourful pump at the entrance junction was admired. It is good to see that included in your landscaping are a number of perennials such as roses and lavender, which grow for a number of years with care in pruning and watering. A number of pollinator friendly plants were noted at all landscaped sites, with some more colour added with annuals. The large tree in the village was admired and added greatly to the village surroundings.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

The management and protection of local species and habitats is important. Kilmead is fortunate to have a natural area for wildlife in the Picnic area at Moat of Ardsull. This site attracts many visitors, providing excellent walks, where nature can be appreciated in its natural surroundings. The wildlife area and walk in the village was also admired. The planting of pollinator friendly plants in landscaping projects in the village is also commended. It is also encouraging to see that some home owners are leaving areas of their lawns uncut for wildlife. Groups are encouraged to host walks and talks to show their appreciation of local species and habitats. These walks create awareness among the community of the nature that is all around them, which the community can sometimes not be aware of.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

Groups are encouraged to make their area more sustainable by their actions. The school as part of their participation in the Green Flag initiative learn about the different ways of saving to make their area more efficient. They implement these savings within the school and also able to help the wider community on ways of making savings. Kilmead National School are doing a lot of projects that is helping to make their school more sustainable and also helping to save money. Water, energy and composting are among their list of projects, which they are commended on. Well done to the school on their achievements in the Green School initiative. The recycling centre at St Lawrence's GAA was visited and it is indeed a superb, well maintained facility which is used regularly by local communities. Thankfully more bus routes are becoming available in rural Ireland. This is a great facility for people to shop and connect with another bus route. It is encouraging to see numbers using these buses on the increase and hopefully they continue to do so. You are doing great work in this category with many projects ongoing in the village.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The village has a good plan in place around the control of litter with regular litter picks. There is also ongoing tidiness and litter picking events at the Moat picnic area. The picnic area is frequently used by passing traffic as noted on day of adjudication, which is good to see. There are litter bins provided for visitors for small amounts of litter if required. You have succeeded in reducing the amount of litter in bulk being dumped with changes to the bins. It is positive to see that the amount of litter being collected has reduced. Some signs are in need of cleaning. One of these signs needing attention is the stop sign across from the Church. Also ensure all foliage is cut back from all signs. Signage is very important particularly for those visiting the area.

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

Well done on your ongoing work with the estates resident's associations and the council in improving roads and any unfinished work needing to be done. The green areas are well maintained with good signage and landscaping noted. The Pride of Place competition which is run by the County Council helps to motivate and reward residents for their work in the competition. Houses along the approach roads and throughout the streetscape had some very colourful gardens and well painted facades. Well done to the residents for the work they do in maintaining their homes to such a high standard. The wildlife sanctuary was admired.

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

The approach roads to the village have neat verges. The pump and landscaping at the junction was admired. Native trees, hedging and good landscaped areas of pollinator friendly planting were admired along all approach roads to the village. Road surfaces throughout the village are in need of attention.

Concluding Remarks:

Kilmead village are doing good work to develop and enhance the village and surroundings with various projects. There are many heritage sites within the area and their history is important for future generations. The picnic and commemorative area at Moat Ardsull was greatly admired, which is a splendid tourist attraction. Keep up the good work and you are wished well in the future.