

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MILLTOWN-KILDARE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your questionnaire and map which were helpful during the course of adjudication. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme and to the continued development of new projects. Milltown was looking very well this year and the adjudicators look forward to their visit in 1997.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have a unique feature here with the canal, particularly given that it is near Pollardstown Fen. Try to promote the wildlife amenities and the potential of the area. There is potential for increased nature conservation in Milltown - a good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment areas and see what species of animals, fish, plants etc. these attract. Why not get involved with your local environmental experts and groups who could advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping was excellent throughout the village of Milltown this year. Congratulations to those involved. The front of Millview Estate was very well presented. The well on the Kildare approach had a very simple, tidy presentation. Well done. The corner by the school had an excellent presentation with plenty of tree planting noted and a very colourful appearance was noted through the use of flowers. A good presentation was also noted at the flag poles, with seating nearby. Out on the approach road from Kildare, congratulations again on an excellent presentation with very well maintained areas and flower tubs noted also. The adjudicators suspect that the premises opposite here might have something to do with the maintenance of it as the presentation itself was excellent also. By the canal bridge was well maintained with flower tubs, well done here. Overall, most areas were very well maintained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most premises were well presented on day of adjudication. The school and its grounds were well presented, as were the Church grounds. A very good effort was noted with cottages next to the church, congratulations here with the use of flower boxes. Davids Newsagents was freshly painted up. A very good effort with flowers was noted at the Milltown Inn. The Hangmans Arch would have benefited from a lick of paint. The car park area was well presented, as was the area opposite.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was not a problem in Milltown this year, apart from one area which was particularly bad and that was in the grounds of Milltown GAA Park. Try to work on this for next year.

TIDINESS

There is a very neat and tidy appearance throughout the village this year, and one you should be proud of. Obviously, there is a very strong community involvement in the Tidy Towns project. Try to paint the wall where the trucks are parked near Millview park, as it does take from the overall appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicators were extremely impressed with the individual effort noted in the majority of premises throughout the village this year. Congratulations. Flowers, flowers and more flowers were noted. The park past the Jehovahs Witnesses had an excellent presentation with grassed areas very neatly maintained. The only criticism would be the hedge on the right hand side which could be better presented. Millview was looking fantastic at the time of adjudication - totally litter free. Attractive flower

tubs with nice planting and the creation of colour by the busy lizzies also left a very positive impression. The only area where the village was somewhat let down was in Fenview Heights - this area would have benefited from a sweeping by the residents. Try to plaster and paint the walls for next year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Kilmeague the presentation was quite good, the grass verges well maintained. An excellent effort was noted, particularly with a white house on the right hand side. Approaching from Kildare, the adjudicators, as mentioned above, commend the presentation of the grass area on the left hand side. The trees and tubs create a positive impression matched by very neat cutting of grass. At the sign, there was only a rough cutting - perhaps this could be improved. The idea of adopting a spot has worked very well here, as in the case opposite Fenview Park. It was nice to see reeds growing by the stream area past the well on the right hand side. Past the Hanged Mans Arch, the overall appearance was one of neatness and tidiness. On the approach road from Naas, another excellent presentation was noted. Overall, an excellent performance in this section, as the Main Streets were also litter free, complimented by landscaped areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicators were very impressed with the presentation this year. The new emphasis of the competition places a high priority on litter control and tidiness, as well as the development of wildlife amenities. Try to concentrate on improving Fenview Heights and the GAA Park for next year. Also, try to get the children actively involved.