

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MILLTOWN**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	17
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Is it a village....is it a town.... but what a place! Milltown is absolutely charming and you are to be congratulated on such a cohesive approach to your entry in the Tidy Towns Competition. You have exploited your lovely soothing setting, dealt very well with your industrial buildings and taken the advice of last year's adjudication to heart. Well done on all of this.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

With the Blackwater River meandering so beautifully through, this is a category in which you can do much better. We noted your cleaning of the river this year and its smart appearance. Try and display some wildlife information about it, encourage perhaps wild fowl to use it and create some access to it that would be an amenity area. This should not be pretty, it should be eco - friendly and of interest to your children and dare I say it, grandchildren!

### **LANDSCAPING**

The high standard noted in last year's report has only improved. Screening still remains to be dealt with at the rear of the Mills and this should be solved relatively easy if you follow last year's advice. The E. S. B. sub -station has such mature trees now, could they be persuaded to take away the ugly wire fencing. The silver water pump and the red and green seating were noted. Lovely tidy street furniture in harmony with its environment.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It is the nature of Milltown that your built environment consists of your own private houses and the Mills. Your houses are beautifully presented and the Mills integrate very well with the natural setting of a village called Milltown.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter to be seen whatsoever. Your litter bins were noted and you are to be congratulated on this.

### **TIDINESS**

The air of orderliness about Milltown scores you well in this category. The white stones delineating the edges of the roads for instance were a very nice feature.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

I have already remarked that your houses are in tip top condition. Congratulations. It is the further attention to detail that marks you out. The screening of the wall in front of the house called Rosevale which will mature in time to come is an example of the sort of attention that you are bringing to your properties.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Not only were your entry roads in very good condition but very interestingly, your side roads, the little meandering farm roads that run out from the village were all neatly kept and trimmed and tidied. Congratulations on this. However, the road surface on the Blackwater Vale Road requires improvement.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Milltown must be a lovely place to live in, and you are obviously very proud of it. Keep up the good work. If you can make a project of the screening of the industrial units, it would be a textbook example to other villages of how to overcome these problems. Well done.