

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MILLTOWNPASS**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your overall approach to the competition continues to pay dividends with another good performance this year. The high standard in the village demonstrates widespread support together with good working relations with state agencies. Your entry form details your concern regarding the direction of future development in the village as well as considerable work in hand, all this augers well for the future progress of Milltownpass in the competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new section in the Competition and in common with most other centres the enhancement of wildlife habitat to date has received little attention. Now that this is an integral part of the competition it is important that communities identify and make provision for wildlife habitats. The stream is obviously a starting point. Trees, hedgerows and gardens are also important. You should get expert advice on what is the best approach.

LANDSCAPING

The quality of the landscaping throughout the village is of a high order. The flower beds on the Dublin road and the Mullingar road are most attractive. The work at the stream bridge with the tastefully planted stone flower beds, stone parapet and well presented wooden seat and litter bin is another noteworthy feature. The continuing tree planting throughout the village is commendable, here and there gaps need replanting. The presentation of the village pump is excellent as are the several well planted hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes. The quality of the landscaping at Bennetts is exceptionally good. The Church grounds are also noteworthy.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The quality of the Built Environment is generally of a high order including the Church and Bennetts. The school is satisfactory but weeds need attention at the boundary wall. Improvements could be made to the security fencing at Wrights. Painting would improve the facade at Mandys.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is excellent. On the day of inspection there was no litter present in the village or on the approach roads. However, a scattering of litter was noted in the banks of the river. The new yellow litter bins were noted and as well as assisting with litter control they add colour.

TIDINESS

Milltownpass generates a tidy and well cared for appearance. Good litter control, well maintained approach roads and buildings in good condition all contribute to the overall affect.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses and gardens in the village are maintained to a high standard. Most also maintain gravelled areas between the boundary fence and road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard of maintenance of approach roads is impressive. The extensive grass margins are regularly cut and cut grass removed. Hedges are also tended and as has been mentioned the planted trees add character. Attention to detail is still required and here and there weeds were noted on stretches of footpath kerbing especially on the Dublin road. Hopefully the car park area adjoining Leo

Wrights will be landscaped with stonewall or screening trees planted at the boundary on main road. The rusty iron shed roof is obtrusive in the area adjoining the car park. There are several large display hoardings in a number of locations; these signs are increasingly out of character with the rest of the village and should be removed. Some of the directional signs need to be cleaned or painted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression is of steady progress. Greater attention to detail is now more important than ever. Some of the areas still requiring attention are outlined in this report.