

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ST MULLINS**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-97

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 34 | -- |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 24 | -- |
| Landscaping | 40 | 24 | -- |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 19 | -- |
| Litter Control | 40 | 18 | -- |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | -- |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | -- |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 24 | -- |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | -- |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 184 | -- |

St Mullins, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. We wish your Committee every success with your work in the years ahead. Thank you for submitting a three year programme and map of the area. It is comprehensive and you have outlined clearly your objectives for the years ahead. I note you will be liaising with the statutory bodies and other agencies. Do contact your Tourism Officer for County Carlow who will have some useful advice to give you. Your Committee is strong in numbers which will help you greatly.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your built environment is in two areas - St Mullins and the Quay. The Pub is presented very well and had a nice display of flowers. The Coffee Shop on the Quay was well maintained and fresh looking. The graveyard grass needed cutting. Restoration work was in progress on the Heritage Centre and walls. At the entrance to St Molings Well there is a derelict house - perhaps that could be restored. The Well, and the grassed area around it which was recently cut, looked neat and tidy and in readiness for the Pattern Day. The pump was presented very well and well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The green area was recently cut but the grass needs picking up. It is a large area to maintain - perhaps some trees could be planted which would be native to the area. The rose and plant beds outside the graveyard are well maintained and looked well. The shrub area in the green beside the picnic table had a lovely selection of plants and shrubs. The roundabout on the Quay again looked well with a good mix of plant and shrub. The commemoration stone areas shrubs and plants are maturing nicely.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is great potential for nature conservation in St Mullins. You have the built and landscaping environment - open spaces, graveyards, the well and of course the river. You may not have an expert on your Committee but there may be some expert locally who will advise you and identify the wildlife habitats for you. Look to the involvement of all members of the Community. Focus on youth groups and schools in your area. Also consider some signposting of wildlife habitat in the Quay area.

LITTER CONTROL

The control of litter was reasonably good. There was litter under the picnic table in the green, some under one seat in the graveyard and a light scattering at the riverbank by the Quay on the grass areas. It was noted that you have put an anti-litter

programme in place. Do consider making the Community as a whole aware of their obligations. Also, the provision of some more litter bins sited in appropriate areas would be welcome.

TIDINESS

The Quay was presented neatly. The car park there had some weeds on its surface and needed to be trimmed at the sides. The grass was at the point of needing a trim. Grass around picnic tables and seating in all areas to be kept cut and tidy. Grass should be picked up from the Green and the Motte. All seats and tables are being maintained in an excellent condition.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All houses are maintained very well throughout. Nice stone plant troughs in the Quay area were admired and all properties were presented well there. There are very few residences in the Green apart from the Pub and the house beside which looked very well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Weed control at the base of walls needs attention throughout. The stone wall towards the Well was beautifully maintained and weed-free. Weeds and briars growing on top of the stone towards the graveyard and Heritage Centre would need to be cut back. All signs were clean and well maintained. Some road resurfacing is needed at the Quay.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

St Mullins is a most attractive village set in a tranquil and scenic area. You are endeavouring to involve all the Community which is commendable. St Mullins has great potential to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition and you have clearly identified in your plan the objectives which you wish to achieve for your village. You have done good work so far. Do keep it up - well done !