

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MILFORD-CORK**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	19	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	149	--

Milford, Co.Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Milfords re-entry in the competition is welcomed. There are a lot of encouraging aspects to your initial efforts. It is important to continue working with as many of the statutory bodies as possible and involve them in any future development plans. You should consider formulating a work programme and consult with the county council when choosing a work schedule. If you approach the competition in a co-ordinated manner the community will benefit enormously. You are to be commended on your litter awareness programme in the school and this policy should be persevered with.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A number of buildings were greatly admired, among them the school and the church which is a very impressive structure. Your initiative to introduce a paint scheme for the community will greatly enhance the area as a number of prominent buildings in the main street require repainting. The Garda station and the local surgery were well presented. OMathunas and the brown public house were nicely painted. You should encourage local businesses to avoid using plastic or neon signs in any future developments. The problems with some derelict sites are noted.

LANDSCAPING

The work undertaken at the riverside should look well when it is completed. The green area at the fork on the Drumcollogher Road was admired. Some premises displayed window boxes and hanging baskets to good effect and added great colour to the area. You should encourage more residents to display flowers as it greatly enhances the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river is a valuable amenity and more should be done to enhance it. You should incorporate this into your development plan. A wildlife expert should also be consulted and his/her suggestions taken on board. You should also consider involving the local school in any wildlife programme you undertake. The provision of access to the riverside is commended, although the appearance of this area will have to be improved.

LITTER CONTROL

In general you seem to be winning the battle against litter. You should ensure that the anti-litter campaign is continued in the schools. It is noted that you have a reasonable supply of litter bins. However, you should consider providing bins of uniform appearance throughout the village, as some of the bins looked untidy.

TIDINESS

Overall Milford looked tidy in appearance. There were a number of areas which detracted from the appearance of the village. The area near Curtins property is very unsightly and a number of business premises could also improve the appearance of their grounds. The entrance to the G.A.A. field and the Church grounds looked very tidy. Some shops in the village can look untidy as a result of the volume of produce, fuels etc. that they display outside their premises. This should be discouraged.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There were some good examples of well presented houses and gardens throughout the village. The standard of presentation of residences on the Feenagh Road was excellent. Dr. Croke Place and the houses on the western side of Donegans Garage were also admired. The thatched roof houses add character to the village and should be maintained accordingly. This is an important category as it enables more people to become involved and heightens awareness of the competition. You should encourage residents to participate, possibly through the organisation of residential competitions.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the day of adjudication major road development was taken place on the Charleville road. The approach roads to the village looked untidy. Their appearance would have been improved by trimming the grass verges and tidying back some of the ditches. The speed limit sign on the Drumcollogher Road was partly hidden by this overgrowth. The works on the footpath on the western approach were noted. These will enhance the area when completed. The stone wall by the river on the western side of the village should be attended to as there are a lot of weeds present. The work carried out on the bridge is commended.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Milford is a very pleasant rural village. It will benefit from its participation in this competition. It is important that the community follow a co-ordinated work plan over the next few years. The community is to be complimented on the work carried out so far. You are wished continued success in your efforts.