

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	34	32
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Milltown, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was a delightful experience to adjudicate such an attractive and well presented village as Milltown is this year. Co-ordination is very much a feature of your strategy and the commitment and support from the community is there for all to see. Your performance this year is excellent and if maintained will surely catapult Milltown into contention for the County Award. Thank you for the questionnaire and map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The river, mill and private houses have all combined to create a built environment that is very compact and attractively presented. The screening of commercial properties impressed the adjudicator and the teamwork in creating such a picture postcard environment is highly commended. The adjudicator is pleased to increase your marks under this heading.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Colourful flower beds, hanging baskets and well presented street furniture are a striking feature throughout the village. Well cared for verges and hedging on all approach roads and a beautiful garden on the banks of the Blackwater add greatly to the overall presentation of Milltown. Again an impressive contribution on the part of the community in support of the Tidy Towns Committee. Your FAS workers are obviously major players also. Well done to all. In general your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers, and where they have been sited, enhance significantly the presentation of Milltown.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have responded magnificently to the recommendations contained in last years report. The river was crystal clear and the numerous tame ducks on the bank and in the water were an attraction in themselves. Further progress under this heading is now expected - consult with your local environmental experts or wildlife enthusiast for advice and guidance with regard to further enhancement of the river area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

No litter to be seen in Milltown, well done. You obviously have the full support of the community at all levels. Litter control is one of your strong points. Keep up the good work.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was presented in pristine condition, everything was presented so neat and tidy and the white stones were again an eye catching feature. You have maintained last years excellent performance under this heading.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

With one or two minor exceptions residential properties were impeccable in presentation. Well cared for boundary areas, nicely trimmed lawns and the sensible use of planting were all contributing factors. The display of colour in some gardens was quite impressive and pleasing to the eye. The Greenfinger Garden Centre is obviously of great benefit to the village. There was an impressive display of flowers, shrubs and garden materials on display at the centre.

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

All approach roads were very well maintained and add greatly to the ambience of Milltown. Verges and hedges were tidily presented and the planted green areas were of very high standard. The Blackwater Vale Road has still a poor surface and requires attention. You should bring this matter to the attention of your local authority.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your increase in marks this year is a reflection on the co-ordinated approach on the part of the community with astute leadership from the Tidy Towns Committee. Congratulations. You have achieved a lot in recent years - keep up the good work and the County Awards will beckon. Attention to detail is now of priority in your future plans.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (8/8/97)**

The second adjudicator concurs whole-heartedly with the, comments of the first. Under question 5 (a) of the entry form perhaps you might for next year let us know the history of the village. Commendably again there was no litter to be seen and hedge / verge cutting had been carried out. You might consider continuing the hedge along the fence at right angles to the road to screen the trailer yard at the side of the mill. The neatly gravelled transformer station opposite is exemplary.