

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	11
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	196

Milltownpass, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Well done to the Committee who have achieved a great deal of work in the past year. The village is progressing considerably in the competition. Thank you for your excellent detailed map and plan which were both interesting and useful to the adjudicators. The Committee seem to be well organised and have set objectives which are achievable. The adjudicators await their completion over the next number of years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings throughout Milltownpass were well presented though some did need a little attention in one way or other. The school was well landscaped and maintained nicely. Bennetts was well presented and the Church and grounds looked well (the two window boxes on the pillars made an impact) Grennans was reasonable though a bit cluttered with advertising and this was also the case with Milltown Mini market. Milltown Tavern will need a coat of paint in the near future and a tin roof opposite the GAA ground needs repainting. Wrights is a fine new building and the adjudicators look forward to it being landscaped. The carpark opposite requires attention with the removal of rusty barrels. The pumps also looked well painted.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping has been carried out to good effect in Milltownpass. There is a lot of new planting on the Mullingar road and some lovely red roses (which are performing well this year). There has been good use of colour in the painting of tubs on this road - well done. The picnic area on the Kinnegad road had a nice wooden table and the area was well maintained. Do keep watch on tree maintenance and remove dead shrubs and trees when required. There are some nice trees on the Kinnegad approach and these will enhance the village when mature. The amenity area opposite the GAA ground did require cutting back.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on your plans for the wildlife sanctuary. Clearance of existing vegetation could be seen carried out. Do not overlandscape or clear away too much vegetation. Through advice from the relevant authorities and such bodies as Conservation Volunteers, a resource assessment should be carried out initially to ascertain the importance of the existing habitats and their associated flora. It will be a great amenity for the children and the access through the wooden bridge is an excellent idea. Take care with aspect of safety, the water and younger children.

LITTER CONTROL

The village seems to have litter under control. There are a good number of litterbins in evidence and very little evidence of litter itself - well done. Both the annual newsletter and the schools competition are highly commendable ways in raising the awareness of litter in the village.

TIDINESS

The village appeared to be tidy on the day of adjudication. However, the removal of sand was required from the Mullingar road junction and the removal of traffic cones was required from the landscaped area on the Kinnegad road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New houses will look better when complete and landscaped. The houses at Millview could be encouraged to display some colour through hanging baskets and window boxes. There were two very well kept houses on the Rochfortbridge side with nice gardens and well presented stone walls.. Generally residences showed a pride in their presentation and those along the main street area looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Milltown pass were generally well presented. The road from Dublin was well maintained and cut back - it was good to see the use of shrubs and more permanent forms of planting rather than annuals. The Rochfortbridge road was good though the sign needs attention. The Mullingar approach looked very well. Well done on the manner in which the hedges have been cut back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village was well presented on the day of adjudication. Marks can now be scored under the wildlife area as well as the need to maintain the existing standard. Attention to detail is required as the scoring of marks at this level of the competition will be come more difficult as everything will be scrutinised in greater detail. Well done on the work carried out this year and good luck for future developments.