

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>194</b>

## **Milford, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Keep working to your plan, which you supplied last year. The combined approach of your Committee, FÁS, the County Council and the young people is very important as it gives a broad representation. The Adjudicator notes your comments about the lack of specific direction in the 1999 report, the 1999 report relied on the 'Tidy Town Handbook' as a reference guide. The handbook contains many excellent suggestions, which the Committee should adopt, and gives much more detail than could be possibly given in the confines of this report, which should be viewed more as a progress report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The adjudicator was happy to see that the old thatched cottage on Church Street is being rebuilt. Is it planned to thatch the new building? This would be the most desirable situation. The main buildings continue to look well, the Church looks well and its grounds are beautifully maintained, Congratulations on being featured on the Angelus on RTE 1. The Creamery continues to look well considering it is such a highly used building and yard. The old garage site near West End Terrace will hopefully be transformed as it has now been purchased by the County Council.

The comments made in last year's report relating to pubs with plastic signs would apply again. Collins shop should also try to remove/cut down on the plastic sticker decorations on the windows, the building adjacent to the Post Office would also need attention. The old school building while in private ownership, would be lovely if restored. The Garda Station has made a good effort with planting and work on the school was in progress, which should be very good when completed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The addition of the Millennium stone is a very good commemoration of this occasion. It is nicely sited and those responsible deserve credit. The Riverside Park continues to impress particularly the new shrub bed and hedging. The new landscaping at the Quay wall is slightly hidden but will be a strong feature when it matures. The grounds of the Church are also very good

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The ducks seen last year at the area beside the Riverside

park do not appear to be there this year. The Committee should consider developing an 'Environmental Programme'. Do not be overwhelmed by this. You should focus especially on school and youth groups. There are five main steps Habitat Survey, Developing a Management Plan, Access and Community Involvement, Interpretations and Carrying out the work. The detail of this is in The Tidy Town Handbook – Action Sheet 6.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter seems to be being kept in check again this year, well done to all concerned. The School project – Foróige initiative is a credit to the young people involved. Where possible replace old bins with one type/style of bin to keep a uniform appearance throughout the Village. The weekly clean ups are paying dividends.

## **TIDINESS**

The provision of the recycling facilities at the Creamery is a great initiative and is an environmentally friendly activity. Encourage young people to utilise these facilities and to develop a recycling culture. Kerbside weeds are not a problem in Milford. Well done. The river had a number of plastic containers, this along with grass caught in the wire under the bridge did detract from the view. The Committee should also look in the long term at under-grounding the wires i.e. ESB and Telecom, as this would enhance the visual aspect of the Village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

This is a very strong category for Milford with all the residential areas making great efforts. The housing in the Village at Cùl an Atha, West End Terrace and Church Street was nice, perhaps more use of floral boxes etc could be used. Harding Ville Place and Dr. Croke Place look well maintained with gardens and hedges nicely trimmed. It would be nice to have name identity signs in the estates, terraces and streets that are unnamed. There is possibly room for more use of floral decoration on buildings in the village, traditional style houses always benefit from window boxes etc.

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

Many of the problem areas mentioned last year have been corrected, the provision of street name plaques is still a problem. The grass margin opposite the garage in the Dromcollogher road needs to be cut. The road signs and finger posts look well. The fire hydra at the Feenagh road looks well. The seating bench looks a little too close to the road to encourage usage and may be better sited in a more restful setting. The approach roads village signs are of a

good standard.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Keep working on your plan. The advice contained in the 'Tidy Towns Handbook' is also a very useful guide. The rejuvenation of problem sites will greatly improve the village. Milford is making great strides on a constant basis. Keep up the very good work.