

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLINALAGHTA**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	20	19
Landscaping	40	24	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	20	22
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	145	139

Mullinalaghta, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mullinalaghta is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your completed application and plan and additional information, all made impressive reading. Congratulations on work accomplished to date. Mullinalaghta enjoys a magnificent rural setting, approach roads are lined with glorious displays of wildflowers and this is complemented beautifully by the neatly presented grass margins and loose sculpture stone approaching the nameplate, well done! Much resurfacing both to roadside edges and to footpaths needs to be achieved for the village. It is appreciated that the County Council have responsibility for this and not the committee. Mullinalaghta is a linear village stretching a little over a mile, with large sections of undeveloped areas. There were indications of development work on one of these sites on adjudication. The new information panel is very beautiful as is its nicely landscaped surrounds.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A substantial percentage of buildings are in need of attention in order to increase marks under this heading. The school will need to be painted for next year together with its roadside boundary wall. The weather stained buildings beside the Post Office could also be cleaned, painted or planted with a climbing Ivy to soften its appearance. The shop could also do with a fresh coat of paint together with 'John Keoghs' roadside façade.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped verge with its neatly mown edge and young trees located across from the Post Office looks really well as do sporadic outbreaks of Rhododendron. Congratulations on the development of the Millennium Garden. It will be considered for the landscaping award, however the boundary railings could be refurbished, (ensure these are retained as they have some nice features and would look well if refurbished). Remove sprayed weeds as soon as possible after treatment as they look quite unsightly.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no doubt that Mullinalaghta has an abundance of wildlife, however some of this could be highlighted for the visitor. A habitat survey identifying various habitats and possible threats should be undertaken in order to heighten awareness and to ensure the protection and conservation of Mullinalaghta's wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good overall but a particular black spot was the area around the Angler's Rest pub. Do give some details of your litter control activities. Well done on the acquisition of bins.

TIDINESS

Your problem with derelict buildings is unfortunate, as some of these are quite unsightly and located in very prominent positions, however you more than compensate by the excellent work in other areas. Some outbuildings behind the 'John Keogh' pub look particularly untidy and in urgent need of repair. These include rusted and corrugated outbuildings. Sprayed weeds present a problem under this heading also. Good luck with your efforts re derelict properties.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A small wall to a residential property at the nameplate on the Mullinroe entrance to the village needs to be cleaned and / or painted, otherwise the standard of presentation is quite good under this heading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Angler's Rest carpark could be resurfaced. The entrance at the 'Mullinroe Cross' end of the village would be much improved if sprayed weeds had been removed. No doubt this area will be landscaped to the same standard as that achieved for other sections of the village. The river walk and woods should be signposted from the centre of the village with details of their distance and amount of time to allow for the walk. The access points were not clear. As noted above roadside edges need to be resurfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mullinalaghta's strong point in the competition is obviously its beautifully landscaped areas, well done. These create a wonderful impression of the village and complement the surrounding countryside beautifully. Areas to receive more attention for next year's competition include wildlife and the built environment. Good luck with the implementation of your plan.