

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	218	217

Milltown-Monaghan, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As has been noted in previous adjudication's and as is clear from your helpful application form and map Milltown is a unique urban area. Dominated by the Patton Stack and the beautiful Blackwater river and bridge it is an unusual mix of industrial and residential areas. Your community respond to this magnificently and have maintained their area in an impeccable order. Well done on that!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As noted already the Patton Stack dominates but Heatons, Neeson Brothers and the ESB all contribute to the industrial element in the community. They do so with considerable sensitivity to the private homes and are to be congratulated for same.

LANDSCAPING

Some small amount of sensitive landscaping has taken place with appropriate flower boxes in a number of locations. This combined with the beautiful lay-bye opposite the Green Fingers Garden Centre and the magnificent rose displays in the many private homes makes for a most attractive landscaped village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area in which you could score better - riverside Walk, Tame Duck Park have obvious potential. This adjudicator was struck by the lane linking the centre of the village with the ring road and wondered could this become a nature walk with signposted information as to the nature that you might meet along the track there. Just an idea ...but one perhaps worth following up on.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication not one but two men were out clearing and cleaning so litter was evidently not a problem. That said, it was noted that there was very little in their sacks - all attribute to the people who live in this area. Well done!

TIDINESS

It was good to see that the advice given in last year's adjudication regarding rubble near Patton's had been taken – that combined with the improvement in the ESB field and the general good orderliness of the industrial elements of

the village made tidiness a high scoring section for you.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing on the Blackwater Road and on the Tydavnet Road is all very well maintained and all credit due to all who had such lovely homes. As you remark in your application the semi reconstructed house at the Pattons Mills corner certainly is an eyesore and it is to be hoped that this will be dealt with by the next adjudication.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The field behind the Post Office letter box on the approach from Monaghan at the monumental gates could be better presented for the good of the village. It was quite unsightly on the day of adjudication. Hedgerows on the Blackwater Road were also poorly trimmed and while we do not advocate manicuring country hedges they could have been a good deal tidier.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Milltown is obviously a lovely location, close to Monaghan Town yet idyllically rural. The inevitable redevelopment of the Patton Stack will cause you concern. Inevitably it would bring extra commercial or residential life to the heart of your village. The more you invest in the Tidy Towns ethos and commit yourself to a good community spirit the better you would be able to handle this inevitable intrusion and the quality of same would only be the better for your keen interest in the Tidy Towns Competition. Keep up the good work and well done.