

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	31	32
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	210

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to note the consultations / discussions with the local authority and the National Roads Authority regarding traffic calming in Milltownpass. The village is developing nicely and landscaped areas are effective in enhancing both the visual appearance and the quality of life. Milltownpass is welcome to the third millennium. Good luck for the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on the presentation of the school. The Post Office and its adjoining residential property is tastefully presented. The church and its grounds look well but the boundary wall needs refurbishment. The Village Inn looks inviting.

LANDSCAPING

The entrance to the village from the Galway approach looks quite magnificent with its young trees and neatly maintained green verges. The whole effect is complemented beautifully by the wonderful landscaping of the Wright Group. The roadside boundary of the GAA is well enclosed with its Leylandii hedgerow. The incidental amenity area at the telephone kiosk is a nice touch. The roadside boundary to the church carpark has matured beautifully in colour, shape and height. The picnic area at the Dublin end of the village is a valuable facility for the travelling public and heralds the approach of a village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Do give us some more details on your wildlife project. It is not quite clear from your application what it is that you want judged. Your Tidy Towns Handbook contains some excellent guidelines for competing under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good overall but was weakest at the Milltown Tavern in spite of the beautiful bin located here, perhaps more frequent litter picking is necessary.

TIDINESS

The derelict outbuildings with their corrugated sheds located across from the entrance to the GAA are a problem under this heading. These may be planted with a fast growing climbing plant such as Russian Vine to soften their visual impact.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The gate pillars of the residential property opposite Bennetts are a nice touch as they reflect the traditional gate posts to field boundaries in rural Ireland. We note with interest your pride in being the only remaining village on the N6 not affected by the rash of residential developments of recent times. We anticipate a high standard of finish to the new Mill View development.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The speed limit signs on the Mullingar road need to be refurbished and some roadside areas to boundary walls need to be re-grassed. Most items of street furniture are well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Milltownpass is a pleasant village located on a very busy thoroughfare and is a credit to those who take on the responsibility for its presentation. Well done!