

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ST MULLINS**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	36
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	29	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	23
Litter Control	40	19	19
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	195

St Mullins, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and plan of scheduled work to be completed over the next three years. The maps also enclosed were most helpful on the day of adjudication. It clearly sets out your objectives and progress for each year and is also something which can be built on if necessary over the coming years. It is great to see that you have a very good working relationship with Carlow County Council, who have given you very good co-operation and assistance. Apart from the Local Authority you also work with the other agencies and local Schools which is of considerable benefit to your efforts.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have a wealth of heritage in your area and your work in maintaining them reflects your pride and concern. The Heritage Centre continues to be maintained very well as does the graveyard which was neat and tidy. The area around the public toilets was clean and tidy and your plans to erect facilities for persons with disabilities is, indeed a very worthy one. The Pub again this year is well presented and also the Coffee Shop on the quayside. You appear to have a solution almost in your hand for the buildings near the quayside and also the blessed well area. The pump is a lovely feature which enhances this area.. The monument in the carpark at the quayside continues to be kept well.

LANDSCAPING

You have excellent arrangements in place for the cutting of the grass in the open green spaces. There is a lot of ground to cover and well done to all concerned. The grass was cut and maintained in a neat and tidy condition, the flower containers throughout had a delightful selection of plants and were well cared for. The shrub beds, again throughout, were in first class condition. The boat on the quayside again had a wonderful selection of plants and it is an appropriate location for this. Again the open green spaces on the quayside were neat and tidy and the grass well maintained. Shrubs on the roundabout and the planting of same provide colour and interest throughout the year. A lot of hard work has gone in to the landscaping of your village area and well done to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The display sign depicting the wild life in your area continues to be maintained in excellent condition. The wildflower bed had a varied and interesting selection of plants here. One does look forward to seeing various types of blooms on them. It is a lovely idea and perhaps a very

simple plaque could be erected identifying the types of plants there. You have an abundance of wildlife in your area and you certainly have worked to bring it to the community's attention. Wildlife has a wonderful contribution to make to your area.

LITTER CONTROL

The control of litter throughout your area is very good. There are no serious black spots. There were some small pieces around the picnic table on the green and in the car park at the Monument area in the quay. Your regular litter patrols do contribute to the overall control of litter in your area. Litterbins are being maintained in excellent condition and none were overflowing.

TIDINESS

Your signs throughout were in very good condition and were clean. The verges throughout were tidy and also the grass was cut around the picnic tables. Weeds on pathways to the public toilets, heritage centre and graveyard were kept to a minimum.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Almost all properties throughout are maintained to a very high standard. One property at the quayside has an untidy appearance and perhaps they might be approached or given assistance to help with tidying it up. Well done to all those who live in St Mullins for the pride and attention given to their homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Almost all the approach roads were tidy. The car park at the Monument was clean and tidy as was the surface at the roundabout. The benches and tables throughout were maintained in excellent condition, as were the litterbins. Your attention to their maintenance is a very commendable one. The wooden signs throughout were maintained again in excellent condition. The surface along the Quay does need attention and should be treated and resurfaced as soon as possible. The area where it appears a parking area is being developed should be tidied up to improve its appearance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your plan of objectives for the year ahead is excellent and your committee has done excellent work over the last year and its plans for the future are commendable. There is great community spirit evident throughout despite difficulties which have hindered you in the past. Hopefully all goes well with your future plans. You deserve every help and assistance to overcome these problems. Do keep up the very excellent work which you are doing for the community.