

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	19
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209	199

Milford, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A copy of your plan should be provided each year with your application in order for the adjudicator to keep up to date with your plans for Milford. The continued involvement of FÁS, Foróige, the local authority, Eircom and especially the school children is a very important aspect of your development. Keep up liaison especially in relation to the two derelict sites undergoing development. Thank you for your detailed map of Milford.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The prudent development of the two sites for development is important. The substitute building for the old thatched cottage is very important, as this is a very strategic location in the Village. A building of character like that which it replaced is important. The purchase by the local authority of Curtin's Garage site and its planned development in 2003 is vital. Again a prudent suitable development here would be important. The main buildings/properties in the Village continue to keep up their high standards namely the Church, Primary School, Creamery and GAA grounds. The removal of plastic signs from pubs should be encouraged. The old school on the Feenagh Road could be a very attractive building if restored.

LANDSCAPING

The planting at the Quay wall looks very well and makes great use of this area. The Millennium Stone feature has matured nicely also. The Riverside Park is a very restful location with the planting and the picnic table. The problem of debris in the river and grass lodged under the bridge has been resolved this year. Well done! The raised bed area with directional signage in the centre of the Village also looks well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Duck Sanctuary near the Quay is very worthwhile initiative and provides an extra dimension to the Village. This project should be built on following the points made in last years report. Consult the 'Wildlife and Natural Amenities' – Action sheet 6 of the Tidy Towns Handbook. The adjudicator notes your comments relating to lack of public access to the river. This is a constraint.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter appears to be under control. The 'Litter Challenge' operated by Foróige and the school along with the assistance of FÁS is really paying dividends. Continue to replace older bins with one co-ordinated colour and style of bin. Continue to promote anti-litter awareness in the

Community.

TIDINESS

The recycling facilities are an important local facility – continue to encourage their use. Weed growth at kerbsides and the base of walls is also under control. The problems noted last year at the river beside the Riverside Park have been tackled.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again this is a strong category this year with houses, gardens and boundary walls and fences receiving a high degree on care. The front green area of Dr. Croke Place was well cut back but the grass area at the back of the estate needs to be cut. The terraced housing on the Dromcolliher approach opposite and before West End Terrace looked well. West End Terrace continues to make a great effort with one house in particular making a great floral effort. The private housing on the Feenagh approach was also to a high standard. Considerations should be given to a suggestion in last years report to provide prominent (bilingual) name signs for streets and estates where these are currently absent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads continue to look well, the Dromcolliher approach is very good with the hedges neatly managed and footpaths very clean. The Feenagh and Charleville approach are very good also. The Charleville approach is very clean with the gravel margins. The speed limit sign on the Feenagh approach needs attention also. All approach roads have good bilingual village signs. The bridge is also nicely maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Keep up the hard work. Milford is a very attractive Village with some very attractive features. Consult the 'Tidy Towns Handbook' when considering new initiatives for the future, as there are good pointers in it and advise on where to obtain professional help and advise.