

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	29
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Milltown, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Milltown is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Milltown is a tiny village situated on a feeder to the grand canal and located on a busy thoroughfare. We did not receive a development plan for you identifying projects to be undertaken over the next few years. It is difficult to progress in the competition without one, so be sure to send one in next year, it does not have to be prepared by a professional, a simple one or two page plan will suffice. The purpose of it is to show that projects will be undertaken with the overall development needs of the village being focused upon rather than on a piece meal basis.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Hanged Mans public house is nicely presented although its carpark could do with resurfacing, however the landscaped perimeter of the carpark and the landscaped feature in the centre is attractive and is acknowledged. The school and its grounds look well, if not a little weatherstained. The wire and post fencing on top of the school boundary wall should be replaced.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The two landscaped corners at the 'southern' entrance to the village are visually appealing. The large tubs had not been planted by the time of our visit in July, which is a pity, they should be taken in if it not planted. When planting does occur, choose shrubs rather than bedding plants as these have greater year round interest.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Stands of mature trees and high hedgerow are valuable wildlife habitats. Have you undertaken a survey or project of any kind to identify wildlife present and possible threats and necessary protective measures or a wildlife awareness project. Perhaps you could submit details with next year's competition entry. The amenity potential of the canal could be developed further. A good place to start would be to refurbish or replace the existing seat there.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was reasonably good throughout the village except for the area around the Milltown Inn and adjoining 'Davids' shop. Send in details of your litter management strategy.

### **TIDINESS**

Some stretches of footpath were in need of weeding and one or two side areas could have been a little more tidy, a

derelict building was also noted, although the problem in this respect was not serious as it was nicely clothed with a climbing plant. No doubt this site will be developed in due course.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Millview estate is beautifully presented. The stone planter at Fennview Heights looks well itself, however the bedding plants here are much too low. Taller and more permanent planting such as shrubs with seasonal interest would be a better idea. Residential properties and residential estates are being well maintained and as mentioned above, some are presented to a standard of excellence in respect of roadside greens. A number of roadside boundary walls need cleaning or painting.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The footpath from the village centre to the 'Hanged Mans' carpark is being nicely maintained and grass verges on the far side of the road look well also together with high hedgerow. Name signs need to be refurbished or cleaned together with some road signs.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A good presentation. Milltown is making good progress.