

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	209	208

Milltown, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and map. Under this heading the committee are requested to submit a proposed work programme incorporating the various aspects of the competition headings for the village. A clear and concise 3/5 -year working plan, outlining achievable targets for the committee, both focuses your objectives and allows the adjudicator to see your plans and measure your progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The many attractive homes in the village set the scene against the predominance of the other business and industrial premises. The Patton premises and its degeneration is unfortunate for many reasons and hopefully its decay will be arrested before it goes any further. The bridge is a lovely focal and attractive feature in the village.

LANDSCAPING

A small tidy green area was noted at the Monaghan town road sign and a nicely maintained bench close to the post box painted in a similar colour was also noted. The other matching and well maintained street furnishing were also noted. There is a varied collection of trees planted in the village adding a lovely touch of colour, as do the tubs and hanging baskets.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee has an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within the village. The river with its walkway, mature trees, wild grass area and hedgerows is the obvious first focus for the committee in this important area of the competition. Get appropriate help and advice from local experts and involve them in your plans. Unfortunately the ducks were not around during this visit, but there was plenty of other bird life present during my visit to the river.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some sporadic litter on the main road heading towards the Garden centre and at the small bridge on the side road.

TIDINESS

Some piles of pallets and a pile of grass clippings, tended to detract, hopefully temporarily, from the tidy verges apposite Green Fingers Garden Centre. Some weed clearance should be considered on the corner to the side road to sub station which could also do with weed clearance. It is unfortunate that the source of the villages name

is affecting the overall impression of the village. Continued good luck with your efforts in resolving this issue.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of the homes are well presented and maintained with some lovely flower features, landscaping, hedges and lawns and some very tidy boundary areas well done to all concerned. This generates a neat and pleasant first impression of the village and enhances the whole village environment.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The 30 MPH signs need some attention on the Garden Centre side. The nicely faced hedges and verges look well and the road surface is generally good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are a small community and committee and your continued interest in the competition and your environment is most praiseworthy. Do not lose heart over the large problems in some areas. Persevere on all fronts.