

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Milltown-Kildare**

Ref: **711**

County: **Kildare**

Mark: **210**

Category: **A**

Date: **07/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>210</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your submission that included a map of the village. Your submission should have included a brief long-term plan and a schedule of work completed during the year. The plan will help you identify what can be done to improve the village over the next few years and the resources you will require. The works completed schedule will allow you to monitor your achievements on a regular basis.

The Milltown Tidy Towns group is small in numbers and efforts should be made to increase the membership. This will help the group to broaden the scope of their work.

### The Built Environment:

Milltown consists of a small village arranged around the cross roads adjacent to the Grand Canal. The fabric of the village consists of a range interesting 19th and 20th century buildings.

### Landscaping:

The canal is the main landscape feature of the village and consists of the canal waterway crossed by a stone high-backed bridge. The canal walks are an excellent feature, but they could benefit from tidying up and upgrading.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The canal offers considerable scope for the development of a village nature project.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in the village is good and only a little amount was noted along the approach roads.

### **Tidiness:**

The village was neat and tidy on the day of the assessment. The old school and the house adjacent to the church are in poor condition and could benefit from upgrading. There is a stone-roofed roadside well on the Canal approach road. Unfortunately, this delightful feature is overgrown and full of litter. The school building needs painting and the adjacent high wire fence is in a poor condition.

### **Residential Areas:**

The housing around the village is well presented with good houses and attractive gardens. The residential estates were their well-presented houses, gardens, and open spaces were very attractive. The stone landscaped feature at Hillview was well maintained and blended in well with the adjacent open space.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The approach roads to the village are inviting with good verges, hedges, and a mixed variety of walling. The verges are generally in need of management – particularly in regard to weeds. A tidy up here could greatly enhance to approach to the village.

### **General Impression:**

Milltown is a neat and attractive village. As previously noted the village had considerable potential for development. This could be achieved possibly by increasing the membership of the Tidy Towns Group.