

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **St Mullins**

Ref: **213**

County: **Carlow**

Mark: **223**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	
The Built Environment	40	28	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	
Litter Control	40	25	
Tidiness	20	16	
Residential Areas	30	22	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	
General Impression	10	7	
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>223</b>	

### Overall Developmental Approach:

The vast amount of information you sent with the entry form was most useful on adjudication day and thank you for it. The level of work which is in progress in St Mullins indeed indicates the tremendous support you are receiving from your community and the various public bodies, and great credit is due to all concerned. Your 3 year plan and Wildlife Plan make excellent reading, the implementation of which together with the report by Ann O' Leary will not alone enhance the environmental aspects of St Mullins but will also put it on the map as one of the leading tourist centres in the South East region. Excellent work has been carried out since the last adjudication and the following is therefore by way of comment on the effects of these additional activities.

### The Built Environment:

Comments made in last year's report regarding the many fine attractions of St Mullins are still applicable. There have been noticeable improvements on the Quayside which include the fishing stands and the general tidiness of the area. The public toilets, on adjudication day, were in very good order and the wheelchair access was noted. The cemetery and its surrounding walls have been very well maintained as indeed are the other walls which are also a delightful feature of the village.

### Landscaping:

Considering the amount of open spaces which the village has, they are very well maintained and are a tremendous feature. New and old flower and shrub planting along the Cemetery wall is maturing nicely and the nice floral presentation outside the houses and on the bridge create a very nice ambience. While the kart on the open space near the local pub is being very nicely maintained, and on adjudication day was filled with flowers, one wonders if it is somewhat out of place in such a large open space and against a completely green background. Perhaps it could be moved elsewhere to better advantage. The picnic tables looked very nice and the sign posting throughout the village is excellent.

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

You are indeed very fortunate to have this wonderful Wild Life Plan the implementation of which will be a major undertaking and which, in the event, will greatly enhance the attraction of St Mullins. With the proximity of the river Barrow and so much wildlife habitat surrounding the village, the possibilities are endless and the Adjudicator looks forward to hearing and seeing more of this project in future years.

### **Litter Control:**

St Mullins was practically litter free on adjudication day. There was some evidence of minor littering in the vicinity of the pub. This almost total absence of litter reflects greatly on your Committee and Community and again, congratulations are due to all concerned.

### **Tidiness:**

Overall the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. The areas around the public toilets and the Quay are much improved on last year.

### **Residential Areas:**

Individual efforts by residents throughout the village again this year are excellent and reflect greatly the interest which they have in the preservation of their local environment. Well done to all concerned. Lovely gardens were in bloom and many displays of flowers were a joy to behold.

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

Approach roads to the village are in reasonably good condition. Within the village itself some areas could do with repair and your comments regarding this annual negotiation with the County Council are noted. Bearing in mind the flooding situation the road at the Quay is much improved this year.

### **General Impression:**

St Mullins is always a delight to visit and it is no different this year. Its open spaces, lovely old buildings and landscaping create a wonderful atmosphere. Your development strategy is excellent. You are now in possession of three important pieces of information which should guide you in your future endeavours. What you have done, in fact, could be held out as an example to many other centres. Well done to all concerned and keep up the good work.