

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mullinalaghta**

Ref: **733**

County: **Longford**

Mark: **164**

Category: **A**

Date: **06/07/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	18
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>161</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Mullinalaghta is welcome to the 2004 National Tidy Towns Competition. Mullinalaghta is a linear village set in soft rolling countryside enjoying scenic views of its hinterland over neatly maintained hedgerow; distant hills and heavily wooded areas are easy on the eye. Thank you for your submission this year. We note the absence of a plan and urge you to submit one for next year's competition as it is difficult to make substantial progress in the competition without one.

### The Built Environment:

Both the "Post Office" premises and the school looked well and their grounds were neatly presented. The "John Keogh" premises together with the "Anglers Rest" (for sale) are attractively presented also however the plastic signs here should be replaced with better quality and less dated signage. A weather stained building near the "Post Office" is in need of cleaning and/or painting with a preference for the latter. "Mulligan's" was also neatly presented. The church and its grounds were excellent.

### Landscaping:

Mullinalaghta's best features are the verges on its approach roads, the stone mounds and bog oak feature are particularly attractive enjoying well maintained grassed verges. Recently planted trees

located across from the Post Office appear to have established themselves well and handsome stands of mature trees were noted at several locations. The hedgerow from the "Mulligan" premises to the village centre is neat.

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

Amenity walks and nature trails should be signposted from the village centre with details of distance and duration of walk. A wildlife interpretative panel might also be provided for species and habitats identified. Your proximity to Derrycassin Wood is a wonderful opportunity for you to compete vigorously under this heading in the competition. The graveyard was neatly presented.

### **Litter Control:**

Litter control was very good during our visit. Well done! We note your regular Clean Up Campaigns. Do provide us with more information regarding your overall litter management strategy and other litter initiative activities as these can earn you additional marks.

### **Tidiness:**

The Bring Centre was well signposted and neatly presented. The absence of rubbish surrounding it was particularly noted, however weeds were quite prevalent in this area and along kerbs throughout the village. Again we urge you to give us as much detail as possible regarding your activities under this heading.

### **Residential Areas:**

Dwellings within the village are mostly detached bungalows and all are well presented with gardens ranging from ornate to simplicity and all with an admirable neatness. Work in progress on a new house located across from the nameplate near the school has been noted; no doubt a similar high standard will be achieved here. It is a good idea to encourage local residents to take responsibility for their own areas.

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

Verges of approach roads and indeed verges within the village are being maintained to a high standard of neatness. The long stretch of chain link facing which runs across from the 'Post Office' to the graveyard should be replaced at some stage with perhaps a low stone wall or other more permanent feature. The carpark at the 'Anglers Rest' is underdeveloped and in need of resurfacing, the old petrol pump could be rehabilitated also. Some road signs are in need of refurbishment.

### **General Impression:**

Mullinalaughta is a pleasant village with most aspects of its environment neatly presented. Your best features are perhaps your entrances from approach roads.