

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Mullinavat** Ref: **401**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **230**
Category: **B** Date(s): **25/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	34
The Built Environment	50	30
Landscaping	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	18
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	230

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for entering the Tidy Town Competition this year despite your difficult position with unfinished major road works nearby. Like last year, this year's Report will be a holding one and will be highlighting suggestions for action. In all adjudication categories the same mark as in 2008, will be awarded for understandable reasons, as no work was carried out for Tidy Towns this year and the entry form is basically blank. We do however, value your entry this year and by next summer hopefully, the road works and dust, and noise will be a thing of the past.

When you are preparing your 3 Year Tidy Towns Plan for Mullinavat for the period 2010 to 2012, it is suggested that you take the recommendations and suggestions from the 2008 and 2009 Reports as a basis for the Plan, and then go on and include your own projects.

The adjudicator has no doubt that when the bye-pass is completed, Mullinavat has great potential to do well in the Competition. Despite the nearby road works, Mullinavat was not badly presented this year.

The Built Environment:

Again this year, The Rising Sun catches the eye immediately on entering the village. The use of red as a dominant colour here works very well with the natural stone. The nearby car park was well presented and the mature trees here give good cover on three sides. This helps to minimise the visual impact of parked cars. The presentation at Harding Cars was reasonable, though some grass growth was noted along the top of the canopy. The derelict house on Main Street stands out and you might talk with the owner on this. Failing that, a discussion with the County Council might be helpful. Also on the main street, the blue sliding door needed to be painted. The long high wall at the Graveyard was well presented, as was the very large car park for the

Church nearby, with a few items needing attention here. Litter was present by the gates into the Graveyard and the fallen field gates at the top of the car park needed attention. At the Parish Hall, across the road, the white railing needed to be repainted. On the Glenmore road, just off the Main Street, an arched building with a blue door was noted. Was this originally the villager Forge? Along the Main Street, a number of buildings needed to be painted and this is understandable given the traffic situation. The GAA building was attractively presented, but the car park created a very poor impression. Much litter was noted here. The long road boundary wall needed to be painted and also the blue gate. Weed growth at the base of the wall here also needed attention.

Landscaping:

At the GAA car park, the abandoned raised landscaped bed at the bridge end of the car park should be revived and replanted. Very good roadside landscaping catches the eye at the turn into the Bring Centre.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

What are your plans for wildlife and natural amenities? Developing the potential of the river is a good place to start.

Litter Control:

In the car parking area, opposite The Rising Sun, quite an amount of litter was present. The situation at the GAA has been discussed above. The Bring Centre was very tidy, but the official signage was missing here. Litter was also evident along Mill Road.

Waste Minimisation:

This category is about reducing the quantity of waste generated in Mullinavat and then getting as much of the waste, that must be generated, into a recycling process. When you begin work for 2010, do look back on your actions under this heading in the past few years and see what you can restart from that.

Tidiness:

Some of the bollards, opposite The Rising Sun, have been badly damaged and all need to be repainted. At the road junction on the Dublin side, the remains of an old house or houses looked rather untidy. A little graffiti was present on the concrete wall of the car park at the Church.

Residential Areas:

The estates visited were well presented and some very good individual and public landscaped areas were much admired. At St Patrick's Close, it was good to see a reference to the 1940s National School, which was presumably located here.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The two main approach roads were reasonably well presented, considering the traffic issues. The Glenmore road appeared to have been recently resurfaced. Along the Mill Road, quite a lot of weed growth was noted at the bridge.

General Impression:

The adjudicator wishes you well in your projects for next year and feels that Mullinavat could have a great future in Tidy Towns.