

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	23
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	234	229

Milltown, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As was said in the report submitted by the committee a lot of effort and money is being channelled into the new Community Centre. This is acknowledged by the fact that very little of what was recommended in last year's report has been implemented. Nonetheless, Milltown continues to be presented very well and the committee's efforts were obvious. It still remains a 40 mph zone and there was nothing pleasant about the heavy traffic trundling by at that speed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Centra, Mullarkeys and Finns restaurant as usual looked very well. Thatching was beginning on the Herds Cottage. The derelict house on the Tuam Road had been handled very well. The School gates had not yet been painted. Painting of the commercial premises remarked on last year still remains to be done.

LANDSCAPING

New industrial centre had made an effort with flowerbeds but weeds have grown up through the gravel. Some trees could be planted here and would not need maintenance through the summer. Nasturtiums beginning to flower at the bridge which will be nice when in bloom. One wonders how they survive with the dust of the heavy traffic. Planting on the left of the village pump is a good example to camouflage shed. Pump would have looked better on its own without the untidy flower containers. Health centre has very good planting surrounds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river walk/picnic area is particularly attractive and well kept. River free flowing and no litter or debris whatsoever. This is a charming walk by the river and the cut and wild grass as well as wild and cultivated flowers all beautifully presented. Could it be continued to connect up with the Dawros walk? The planned Sli na Slainte signage not up yet but the brown signs were quite adequate on the Dawros/Russelstown walk.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter bins were in evidence in all the appropriate places including one near the school recommended last year.

TIDINESS

Garda station is a nice building but the front needs a little tidying up. Otherwise, there is a general air of tidiness

around. Treatment of the Ball Alley is commendable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It looks as if Milltown is in for a change if the proposed 100 housing development materialises. This will bring its own problems turning it into a commuter town for Galway. At the moment, residences are well presented except for the odd one mentioned in last year's report.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were well maintained with attractive stone walls and some new tree planting noted. Old store with Texaco sign still remains untidy. Back area behind Centra could be very attractive and efforts to grow ivy and other climbers here noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Milltown still looks very well presented and the River Clare walking area is the jewel but some improvements recommended last year have not been implemented. It is appreciated that concentration is currently on the Community Centre.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/00)

The river walk in Milltown has been wonderfully developed and was thoroughly enjoyed by the adjudicator on the day of second adjudication. Your use of original stones from the old mill and other important buildings in the village was both imaginative and unique. The village is being considered for both the Waterside and Wildlife Awards, Teach Uí Shíordáin is being considered for the Best Irish Shopfront Award. The map of Milltown and its surrounding areas was excellent and the planned and signposted rural walks complement this busy village wonderfully. Buildings are presented to a high standard and the Centra property is also being considered for the Best Shopfront Award. Well done on a fine presentation.