

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MILLSTREET**
County : **CORK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	204

Millstreet, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on the excellent presentation of notes to judges, your very detailed and helpful map and your 5 year plan. The quality of presentation was really excellent and is a credit to those in the Tidy Towns Committee responsible for its compilation. Keep your liaison with the local authority, FÁS, local schools, community council and Town Trades Association.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are very many excellent examples of well maintained buildings in Millstreet. Those of special note are St. Anne's Graveyard and Tower which continues to be a focal point, the community centre, the church, the school, Centre and the Gift Horse Craft Shop. The abandoned garage near the Co-op stores need attention. The three factories in the industrial estate look well also.

LANDSCAPING

Great strides have been made by Millstreet over the years in this category. The maturing trees in the streetscapes along by the school and car-park areas are excellent. There is a lovely water feature at the entrance to the car-park which leads into the town park. The town park and its broad range of facilities must be the envy of much larger towns in the hinterland. The planting in front of Telecom is very good, as is the planting on the Mallow approach and at the triangle on the Macroom/Hegarty Street Cross. The planting near the entrance to the housing estate off Minor Row looks well. Entrances to Green Glens arena looked well also.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

I note your plans for wildlife areas at Station Road and on the Mallow Road. The sites highlighted at the Co-op and on Station Road were visited. The committee may find the notes on wildlife in the tidy Towns booklet and the Conservation Volunteers Ireland notes helpful.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter campaign being carried out by the children and the town traders is proving to be very effective. This along with the extra provision of bins is keeping Millstreet litter free. Well done. As a long-term goal it would be nice to tackle wirescapes etc. as suggested in last years Tidy Towns report.

TIDINESS

The town was free of weed growth except for one small area on the right before the entrance to the town park. The recycling facility is very worthwhile and is well screened off.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the Mallow approach have a high standard of maintenance. The new estate off Minor Row has a nicely landscaped area. The upper part of the estate will no doubt be tackled when building work is complete. The terrace of housing near the AIB Bank also looked well, as did Murphy Terrace, which is a nice mature estate. One comment is that Murphy Terrace does not appear to have a name plate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Mallow approach is very neat with prudent planting. Works are progressing well on the new car-park off Minor Row. This will be a good asset at this end of the town when complete. Macroom approach is very good. The hedgerows are manicured on these exits. The junction at Liscahane with the planting and picnic table is particularly pleasing. The removal of the signposting from near the monument in the square would be helpful and I concur with your proposals for the square outlined in your plan. Station road looks cleaner after being powerwashed and I note your plans for the mill area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Millstreet is certainly displaying a great community spirit which will certainly change the face of the town for the better for future generations of the town.