



Mulranny receives special nature award

MULRANNY has won the **Tidy Towns Biodiversity 'Notice Nature'** Award for the western region.

The **Notice Nature** campaign congratulated Mulranny **Tidy Towns** Committee for its projects to conserve and interpret the local wildlife.

The committee ran a public awareness campaign and encouraged public participation in protecting wildlife.

Said Seán Carolan, Mulranny **Tidy Towns** Committee: "The **Tidy Towns Biodiversity** Award gives national significance to local conservation initiatives.

Projects such as the garden bird survey, run in conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland, allows NGOs and interest groups across the country to link in with the community to conserve nature."

Since 2006, the **Tidy Towns** competition has included a special category on wildlife and natural amenities for **Tidy Towns** initiatives which foster **biodiversity** and the natural environment.

The **'Notice Nature'** Award rewards actions taken to conserve, enhance and create local wildlife areas such as

ponds and hedgerows.

Emma El-Sahn, spokesperson for the **Notice Nature** campaign, stated: "Ireland's **biodiversity** enhances the health and wellbeing of everyone on this island.

"We should all play our part in protecting the natural environment for our benefit and for that of generations to come.

"You may never have considered that you could play an important part in protecting **biodiversity**, but the volunteers on **Tidy Towns** committees around Ireland have shown that you can."

The **Tidy Towns Biodiversity 'Notice Nature'** Award is sponsored by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government National Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the **Notice Nature** campaign.

Notice Nature is Ireland's public awareness campaign on **biodiversity**. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of

biodiversity and to encourage everyone to play their part in protecting it.