

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOONE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	178

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map which were helpful during the course of adjudication. The adjudicators look forward to the presentation of your detailed five year work programme. Well done, on a number of improvements have been made to the village of Moone this year, particularly the road surfacing and provision of lamp posts. Try to improve the approach road from Moone High Cross and try to make a feature of this as it is an integral part of the heritage of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Tree planting on the new approach road would be of benefit. There is potential for more nature conservation. A good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what type of birds, animals and plants etc. these attract. You could invite local environmental experts and groups to advise you and provide you with specialist information you require. The adjudicators noted the river Greise outside the boundary of the village - it was very attractive down by the bridge on the way to The Moone High Cross.

LANDSCAPING

In terms of landscaping, Moone was looking quite well this year with some trees planted, well done. The pump and seat area was very well presented this year, with flower tubs setting this area off very well and the street furniture had been painted up, including the bin. Perhaps you might consider putting in more flower tubs in the lay-by that has been recently resurfaced, similar to those provided to the entrance to the church. The planting noted underneath the tree by the pump was also looking very well this year, well done. The new lamp posts set off the village very well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Post Office was tidy and litter free. Perhaps the sign could be upgraded, maintaining the old Irish script. The school and its grounds were very well presented, but the wall needs to be painted. The Church grounds were also very well presented as was the Church itself and it was nice to see the flower tubs with bright flowers at the entrance at the time of adjudication. The building to the left of the Church needs to be cleaned up; this might be included in your long term work programme. Walls Mini Market could still be encouraged to improve its facade. Perhaps the County Council might be able to provide advice on appropriate shop fronts, should the owner consider developing this.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally, litter control was quite good in Moone this year, with the exception of small amounts on the approach road from Moone High Cross where grass verges had been cut back.

TIDINESS

There was a very neat and tidy appearance in Moone this year after the completion of the road improvements. New signage and the resurfacing creates a very tidy appearance. Try to improve the appearance of the approach road from the south and the building adjacent to the Church.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential Areas were very well presented this year. Overall, there is good individual effort noted. Try to encourage more premises to maintain the exterior of their premises where they front onto the road and maybe you could encourage them to adopt a spot throughout the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach roads from Timolin the verges had a rough cutting and had a relatively tidy appearance. Approaching from Castledermot, the traffic calming measures have helped greatly in improving the appearance on this approach road. It was nice also to note the new Moone sign. The approach from Moone High Cross could potentially, be a very attractive approach road with the mature trees on the right hand side perhaps you might consider this as a long term project as well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Moone has seen much work in the past year, particularly in the area of road improvements. The approach from Moone High Cross should be a long term project and your relationship with the Cross itself is something you should try to improve on as a means of attracting visitors to the area. Perhaps an information plaque might be put up somewhere in this regard. Good luck for 1997.