

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TWO-MILE-HOUSE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>151</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme next year. You should include some innovative ideas within this plan that will include all residents of the village. Good luck for 1997.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to avoid the overuse of weed killers. A nice little brook was noted before the new residential development - try to perhaps enhance this. More tree planting would be welcomed also. There is potential for increased nature conservation throughout the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment areas and see what species of animals, fish, plants etc. these attract. Why not get involved with your local environmental experts and groups who could advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require.

### LANDSCAPING

There is good evidence of landscaping throughout Two-Mile-House this year. A nice grassed area was noted near Valentines Shop, which the adjudicator does recognise is outside the boundary. It was also good to see work being carried out at the pump area - try to work on this and make it a nice feature. Some nice stone walls were noted at premises. It was also nice to see wild roses growing in the hedges near the new residential development. Plants were also noted on the main Dublin road. Try to work on this for next year as it is a nice feature on the approach to the village. You might try to encourage the residents to Adopt a Spot outside their premises and create a unique individual character. If possible, try to encourage wildflowers in this regard.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school grounds were well presented, perhaps the building itself would have benefited from painting. The Church and its grounds were very well maintained. More attention to grass would be an improvement and good effort was noted with the flowers. It is nice to see that the Hall was being painted in different colours, which is an improvement. At the GAA pitch, try to watch the weeds in the car park. Overall, a good performance under this category.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter is not a problem in Two-Mile-House this year. Litter was, however, evident where verges had been cut back - try to tackle this in future when cutting of verges.

### TIDINESS

Tidiness is generally quite good as most of the approaches had their grass verges trimmed. Try to trim the grass a bit more to improve the tidy appearance and perhaps consider kerbing in places, particularly outside some residential premises. The telephone kiosk needs to be painted. Remove the dead grass, gravel and grit from the verges which does take from the overall appearance. The car park opposite the Church was litter free and on the road leading down to the Curragh, some weeds were noted.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicators noted good individual efforts throughout the village again this year, including opposite the pump and on the approach roads. The new residential park being developed was noted, this will be nice once completed and fully landscaped.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the Naas approach road, via Dohertys B&B, grass verges had received a rough cutting - try to give it a neat appearance. Try also to make a feature at the sign with plants and follow through with tree planting along this road. Closer in, verges had been cut back, well done, but litter was evident where grass had been cut. At the 30 MPH sign, one of the signs were obscured by the hedging. On the approach road via Two-Mile-House, the hedges and grass had been cut back, only roughly though - try to make a feature here also at the sign, trees were evident but try to remove the cut grass. Coming in from the Curragh, small sprinklings of litter were noted at the sign, which should be avoided - grass verges could have been better maintained, particularly on the left hand side.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

Continue to try and involve all sectors of the community in the presentation of Two-Mile-House over the coming years. Efforts are evident, particularly in the cutting of approach roads and painting of the hall and residential efforts. In order to progress in this competition you are going to have to work on innovative projects that will enhance the appearance of the village. You have indeed a very attractive area and one the residents should be proud of. You could also make more of an effort in the village centre in terms of additional flower tubs.