

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONEENROE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	36
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	195

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is encouraging to read in your answers to the questionnaire that you are getting good local support in fundraising as well as in keeping the areas tidy. The FAS scheme is obviously proving of benefit. Details of your 5-year plan are awaited with much interest - perhaps you will be in a position to include them in your documentation for next year. On your map for next year please mark all places of interest, and be sure to point out developments which have been completed in the last twelve months. The enormous amount of work which your committee is undertaking in an area the size of a city yet with a small supporting population, and with roads covering three or four miles, is acknowledged. The Tidy Towns Competition as at present constituted is marked only on areas enclosed between town/village signs or 30 MPH signs; however your area is something much wider, more akin to a district or parish.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Signposting of walks ('Sli') was favourably noted, and also your statement about confining hedgecutting to times when birds are not nesting.

LANDSCAPING

The areas of planting are separated by considerable distances. Where they occur, they add greatly to their particular neighbourhoods. The stonewall-surrounded pump, with pretty planting, young trees and a trim lawn greatly enhances what is otherwise a fairly unattractive area, was praised last year, as were other natural amenities. A planted area on the Athy road was marred somewhat by roadmaking debris. The landscaping of the plot of ground at Railyard will certainly be most attractive when completed; planting was much admired, and the new stone wall is splendid; the ancient milestone might be more prominently presented. The small graveyard will be even more charming when the stonework of the wall has been exposed and repaired, possibly for next year's marking.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Parish Church is very well kept, but the nearby Hall is in need of external improvement. The Colliers Church (not marked on map) looked well in its neat grounds. Unfortunately there are a number of derelict buildings, including the Co-Op Store, and these inevitably detract from the appearance of the place.

LITTER CONTROL

This was very good on adjudication day. Congratulations to the whole community.

TIDINESS

Lengthy unkempt verges, some very weedy fences, and the derelict buildings referred to above, certainly have a detrimental effect. Discourage post-and-wire fences (which attract weeds), corrugated iron roofs, and concrete block walls.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of Moneenroe is residential; some homes are very well presented indeed. Father Raftice Place is well looked after; one would like to see more adventurous gardens - climbers, ramblers and creepers can add a great deal at little cost and very little upkeep; the same applies to Salome Place and Massford. One group of houses to the west of Massford (where there is an excellent curving stone wall) was particularly attractive because it has an unplanned rural look, in keeping with the nature of the place.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are generally good - especially on the north-south road through the centre of the area. Verges were untidy in many places, especially on the main road and there is much kerbside weed. However, the bridges are all impressively maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Immense effort over a very wide physical area results in real satisfaction in several significant details.