

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOONCOIN**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	30
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>201</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was good to read on the application form of the level of sponsorship as well as practical involvement within the community. Your continued contacts with the official bodies are clearly very strong, and the FAS scheme must be especially beneficial. A more detailed map would be appreciated, with all the locations of completed or ongoing work marked, and also the extent of residential areas.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A nominal figure is being given in this new category in its first year only, where committees have not had time to initiate projects. The marking of places of natural interest on the Mooncoin Way would be advantageous here.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The grassed and planted space near the church is very impressive indeed, and because of its situation gives an excellent impression of Mooncoin on arrival from Clonmel. The little paved area with seating and tubs of flowers opposite looked well too. The same may be said of lawns and excellent planting on the Waterford side. (It would be of help in the marking if you gave exact information, for example, the number of new trees planted each year - as it is sometimes difficult to assess which are new and which are from the previous year). The riverside development of Pollrone Quay has provided an excellent new amenity - a first rate initiative. This will be more suitable for entry for the Waterside Award after the planting has had a chance to mature. (Watch for unsightly weed growth which was making itself apparent behind the fine stone walls).

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The handsome Church is very well maintained, and the schools were looking attractive with their well planted frontages on adjudication day. The Mooncoin Stores is kept to a high standard. Halla an Paroiste was well kept, but its boundary wall needed freshening up with paint; the Credit Union building also needed repainting - this was mentioned by last year's adjudicator.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was hardly any disposable litter in Mooncoin on adjudication day. The provision of bottle banks is a most useful service.

### **TIDINESS**

This is a particularly tidy village. Kerbside weed was absent, and obtrusive mass-produced signage was not in evidence.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Older housing in the village centre was generally fairly spruce on adjudication day; well-thatched cottages were admired. The two terraces of cottages opposite the Texaco garage are beautifully kept, as are further cottages on the main road near Comeragh View. The houses in Comeragh View are well maintained; when planting grows up, the bare look will be taken off the new houses. Suir Crescent was also favourably noted. The central section of Mooncoin Heights awaits development; if even two feet of the weedy grassed area were trimmed along the roadside, the appearance of the estate would be given a "lift". Kerbside weed was seen in this estate.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Verges on the main approach roads were trim on adjudication day. There was extensive road-surfacing

in progress, and this should be a real improvement when completed. Recent site clearance was favourably noted almost opposite the Church, and the church car park, with its informative Mooncoin Way map, is very well looked after. A disused filling-station in the centre of the village is a minor eyesore. The farm machinery exhibit and its environs are attractive, but the wall opposite needs repainting.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

A pleasant and progressive village with many attractive features, and particularly well kept open spaces.

#### SECOND ADJUDICATION (11/08/96)

You need to organise a 3-5 year plan for future developments in the town. Litter control was not as good on this adjudication visit as the previous visit. Many bins were overflowing and litter was noticeable all along the kerbs in front of the parish hall, also at the shops and towards the church. The improvements along the quay are highly commended and the area was full of people on a Sunday afternoon. Again litter was a problem and there were no bins in sight. The standard of presentation of residential areas was very high with many attractive gardens. You will need to focus more on detail such as field gates and roadside margins particularly down by the quay. It was good to see recycling bins provided. The natural area by the Suir has a potential for wildlife development.