

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOYNALTY**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21
Landscaping	40	29
The Built Environment	40	30
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your questionnaire and map were very helpful to the adjudicator. Your Committee has certainly been very active over the last year and it was a pleasure to visit Moynalty and adjudicate this year. The village has come on in leaps and bounds over the last couple of years and it is a credit to your Committee and strong community. As part of the new format of the competition for next year you will need to submit a 3/5 work programme/plan. The plan should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Moynalty is very fortunate to be located on the river Borona one of the main tributaries of the Boyne. Your work in monitoring the river for pollution has paid off as the water appeared very clear; however below the bridge there was a gathering of dead moss or reeds. The fine array of broad leaf trees throughout the village is an advantage and is very impressive. Your programme of re-planting of trees was noted and will assist in the recreation of wildlife habitats throughout the village.

LANDSCAPING

Your Committee should be congratulated for the high standard of presentation of the open areas throughout the village. The roped area on the Mullagh Road was very well presented as was the small green area in the centre of the village. Your choice of shrubs and colourful flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. The flower pots along the Kells Roads were extremely colourful and well presented. The hanging baskets throughout the village are also a nice addition. The tennis amenity area was extremely well presented and is a credit to your hard work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Business premises in Moynalty certainly have pride in their presentation. Farrells and McCabes Lounge Bar were very neatly presented. The old signage of Peter Rogers and the village stores were very impressive. McCormacks Bar has a nice selection of flowers on display in the hanging baskets. The Muintir na Tire Hall was once again looking very well with attractive planting and signage. The planning permission application on the Protestant church was noted and hopefully next year this building will be brought back into use. The school and Catholic church were both well presented with the church wall being cleaned on the day of inspection. The graveyard was well presented but some of the grass areas could do with being cut. The stone wall bridge is an impressive feature entering the village and was well presented.

LITTER CONTROL

The adjudicator found on the day of inspection that the village was relatively litter free. However, on the Kilbeg Road on the verges some litter was evident but only minor.

TIDINESS

Moynalty is a very tidy little village with litter control and weed control well taken care of. On the day of inspection the Kingscourt Road verge had been cut but the cut grass was not removed and was blowing around.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

St Marys Terrace was very well presented and the gardens of the new houses were coming on. Everyone concerned is to be congratulated including the other residential properties in and around the

village which were also well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The village approach roads were presented to a high standard. It is good to see a Committee paying so much attention to this area specifically in the presentation of grass verges and flower tubs on the approach from Kells and Mullagh Road. Areas where more improvements could be made would be replacing the sign on the Carlanstown Road as it is broken. Also some litter on the approach from Kilbeg Road and grass blowing around on the Kingscourt Road after verges had been cut. All are minor points but will improve the overall appearance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Moynalty is a credit to the Committee and community in total. Keep up the good work. Good luck.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (15/08/96)

Perhaps a small hand painted timber hanging sign could be located at the entrance to the amenity area on the Main Street. The majority of buildings are well painted and presented to a high standard. The Gerard Farrell building is particularly attractive and unusual. It would look much better without the coloured bulbs and indeed without the plastic neon Panasonic sign. Litter control was very good on second adjudication. Don't forget to remove all traces of building material when construction work has ceased. As you are aware some stretches of footpath need to be refurbished. No doubt this will be accomplished with the co-operation of the Co. Council in the not too distant future. Extensive stretches of footpaths which have been newly refurbished are noted; well done! What remains to be resurfaced is minor in comparison. Some signs on the Kells Road could be repainted. The old telephone kiosk looks well as do other items of street furniture. A very good presentation overall.