

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOYVORE**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	17
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	140

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Moyvore has no major blackspots and has the potential to do much better in the Competition. The standard of presentation has again been maintained this year but further progress will be slow until greater community involvement can be generated. The FAS Scheme can make a big difference to the village but will need to be expanded beyond the Community Hall. You should consider producing a Development Plan which would set out the objectives to be achieved over the next three to five years. This should help focus individual and community effort on what needs to be done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new section in the competition and to which communities will need to put more emphasis on in the future. The mature trees especially at the Ballymahon end of the town together with the hedge rows are attractive wildlife habitats but more still can be done to assist wild life particularly in the species of trees that are planted, etc. In your development plan you should seek advice as to how you can improve the wildlife habitats in the village and its environs.

LANDSCAPING

The line of maturing trees and closely cut grass at footpath from the Telecom building towards the Winning Post together with the well maintained grass verges and hedges are a fine feature in the village. The trees would look even better if a number were straightened. Gaps in the tree line need to be filled on the Ballymahon road opposite the Grotto. Additional flower tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes should be encouraged as these would brighten up the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School and grounds are satisfactory. The forecourt of the Winning Post is neat. The Telecom building and boundary wall have been freshly painted. Work is about to commence at the rear of St. Olivers; however the gravelled car park is weedy and a scattering of litter was present at the boundary. The buildings in the vicinity of the Post Office need to be cleaned or repainted and moss was present on a number of roofs. The farm and stone buildings on opposite side of road to the Post Office are attractive and the landscaping work shows them off to advantage.

LITTER CONTROL

The comments in last year's report are still relevant. The approach roads and the village itself are generally litter free, however litter was again present at boundary area of Community Hall and at one end of school car park. More attention needs to be paid to these and other wind-trap areas.

TIDINESS

The maintained approach roads, hedges and verges help create a tidy atmosphere in the village. However this impression would be further strengthened by greater attention to detail, particularly in open areas, in this respect St. Olivers parking area is particularly noticeable.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of private and Local Authority houses are satisfactorily maintained, e.g. The Hollow. However the pebble dashed concrete wall of one of the Local Authority houses has been recently painted and this shows up some nearby boundary walls which require freshening up. On the opposite side of road to the Hollow a number of residences require painting. The derelict building at the Ballymahon road bend is covered with ivy and this effectively camouflages it.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass margins and hedges on the Ballymahon/Mullingar roads are maintained on a regular basis as are the hedge and grass verges on either side of St. Oliver's. The village name sign on the Mullingar road is damaged and needs to be repaired and a couple of road signs need painting. Screening trees should be planted at a weedy plot approaching the Winning Post. The Grotto has been freshly painted but the grassed area needs more regular maintenance and the long grass should be removed from the top of adjoining stone wall.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Moyvore is a village that has the potential to do better. Try and generate greater support and concentrate on the public and other areas mentioned in this report.