

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONIVEA**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	35
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	24
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	194	180

Monivea, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your comprehensive reports outlining the objectives, programmes and recent works undertaken in Monivea. Your efforts to date are to be commended. While the various proposals are noted, this report will be based on what is in evidence on the day of adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The handball area looked very well with nice planting and access steps. The school garden and shrubbery looked well, but some weeding is required especially around the tennis court. The majority of the commercial premises looked well; these included McGivern Monivea Ltd, Moran's, Woodside, Patrick C. Kelly and Cooks. The Fr. Sammon Centre and flower tubs look well; however, the side area should not be used for storage of metal frames etc. The buildings to the rear and side of French's/An Sciobol should be painted or screened off. The Health Centre looked well but the side entrance nearby still requires attention. The shop, petrol pumps and working area are well maintained and look well. The fence around the tennis court should at least be repaired and the play area also needs attention. The old church area is neglected; perhaps if this area cannot be tackled within a reasonable time frame, some tree screening etc. should now be implemented.

LANDSCAPING

The large open areas in the village centre looked very well and the grass was being cut on adjudication day. The planting at the new walls at the GAA Grounds is good and will enhance this area when the creepers mature. Pending development perhaps the old pump house should be made a temporary feature on the green, as at present it adds nothing to the immediate area. Overall the landscaping in the Village is well maintained and colourful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We await the implementation of the proposals for developing the wooded area and the lake which will provide locations for habitat development and natural amenities. Perhaps in the meanwhile the pupils in the local school could become involved in a suitable wildlife project. The Tidy Towns booklet has some useful ideas.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter bins at the school as a good idea. The area around the old church was littered with cans and litter and the old vault entrance was filled with litter. Watch the hidden areas for litter.

TIDINESS

Monivea looked neat and tidy on adjudication day - well done. Watch out for weeds. Plastic signs should be replaced; the Take

Away/Fast Food sign for example is out of keeping with the streetscape of Monivea.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of houses are making an effort at Glennaslat Road; the others should be encouraged to support your efforts. The storing of gravel etc. at the intersection to the main road is not helpful, even though the grass and flowers beds are attended to and look well. In Ard Aoibhin housing estate the open area at the front is well maintained and nicely planted. Some of the residents are also making an effort with their own houses and gardens but others are not. The side wall and front of the private residence at the estate gate is disappointing. The residential houses in the village centre look well with planting and flower boxes, as did the Garda premises. The majority of houses and gardens on the approach roads are well maintained and look well,

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Galway approach road looked well. The stone walls and the road side verges mixed with colour planting were noted and the graveyard was well maintained. The Glennaslat approach road hedges require attention prior to the residential housing. The Athenry and Tuam approach roads with their stone walls and planting look very well. It is important that all the stone walls are kept clear of weeds and tall grass, especially in future years. The old stone farm wall on the Ard Aoibhin approach road to the village should be repaired as it would compliment the fine stone wall opposite.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Keep up the good work. Fine community spirit and co-operation is very obvious in Monivea. Your five year Tidy Towns Plan should be reviewed yearly, setting new targets if required. Watch your developments and achievements to date, previous achievements can fall behind and cause problems when committee's efforts are directed to new areas or ventures. You are maintaining good progress in the competition. More work lies ahead, but progress takes time and endless effort. We wish you continued success with your plans.