

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOYLROUGH**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	16	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	27	24
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	16
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	142	132

Moylough, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

We recommend you draw up a plan with yearly targets and realistic long term objectives. It will help focus your efforts and objectives and identify areas in the village that require community support and action. Perhaps you should consider the expansion of your Tidy Towns group to help spread the workload required to bring Moylough forward and improve your marks in the Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Properties that looked well include An Tuirne and the Garda Station and there are a number of other properties that with a little effort could also look well. Gilmore's Shop and Hardware and pumps has so much potential; all it needs is a effort. Loftus petrol pumps, shop and grounds should be completed or the side area screened off as it is at an exit and entry point for the Village. The Credit Union should provide some flower tubs as should a number of other properties on this stretch of road. The broken garage door at the green house takes from this area. Moylough Concrete Products should undertake some planting or screening to the front of the property as this would assist the visual impact of the property on this main approach road. The Graveyard looks well tended. The Church, grounds and walls looked well and when fully completed, with the addition of some shrub bedding or trees, will be a fine focal point in the village.

LANDSCAPING

We suggest a tree planting scheme be introduced along the main street, given its wide nature. This would help the street-scape and encourage residents and commercial premises to participate more.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The development at Sommerville Lake is noted. Perhaps the local school could undertake and develop a small wildlife habitat where the pupils could learn about wildlife, nature and conservation.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little evidence of litter on adjudication day - well done. A constant eye must always be kept on litter and keeping it under control.

TIDINESS

The placing of gas and beer barrels at the front of commercial premises should be discontinued as they look untidy and limit free movement of pedestrians. Watch weeds and side entrances at properties as they can take from a sense of tidiness of an area. With the improvement of premises over time in the Village, will also show better results.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general residences are well maintained and the shrubs and flowers at many properties looks well. The residents in the new houses on the main road opposite the school should improve the area in front.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads had road side grass margins overgrown, some more than others. Tall grass covered the seating area and the base of the trees at the intersection of the road from Glenamaddy. However, at a number of locations along the approach roads efforts were made with planting, trees and weed free stone walls. The seating and flower bed development at the square adds a nice touch to a focal point of the Village - well done. Perhaps the addition of a tree or shrubs in the open area nearby should be also considered. Rear and side entrances should be screened off or gates provided.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Village has potential which could be realised with the provision of a long term plan combined with hard work. We would encourage your continued efforts.