

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	33	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	16	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	216

Moynalty, Co. Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A letter accompanying the application stated that a five year plan had been submitted last year. However, this would have been returned to you and therefore was not available to this adjudicator. The adjudicators look forward to reading this next year. Moynalty was very well presented on the day of adjudication. Congratulations on all your work carried out in the past year. The sympathetic restoration of the new shops is commended. The footpaths are well repaired and the adjudicators look forward to the wheelchair accessibility of these next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The architecture and layout of this village is a huge asset. The maintenance of the properties by both commercial and private dwellers is to be commended. Deegan's and McCabe's were well presented. Peter Rogers and McCormack's had some lovely hanging baskets. The petrol station was neat and tidy. The Village stores were well presented. Farrell's Television stores was an interesting approach to a business premises. The Clinic was well presented as was the Post Office. The former Church of Ireland restoration project is wonderful - well done to the Credit Union for having the foresight in being involved with this project. The graveyard also looked neat and tidy. The church on the Virginia road is well presented and there was some nice planting outside the school. The pump could have done with a lick of paint. The churchyard had a well maintained stone wall. Chainfencing outside the church area well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping had been carried out very well and made a great impact. Single colour plant holders would make a better impact rather than stripes. Amenity planting even up by the sides of the houses look well. Was there some work going on the Mullagh Road - it seemed as though two new flower beds were being prepared. It would be suggested that more permanent planting could be set out rather than annual planting. St. Mary's Villas are to be commended on their work. Dead trees should be removed. The red begonia window boxes in the centre of the village were admired

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Amenity area was fine. It is a great set. There was no lifebouy in the cover. Information boards(bi-lingual) indicating as to the wildlife habitats would be of interest to visitors and locals alike. A wildflower meadow/area could also be developed.

LITTER CONTROL

Only very few pieces of litter were seen on the day of adjudication - well done. Litter bins well maintained and used.

TIDINESS

The overall impression was of great tidiness. Some attention is needed on the cutting back of approach roads, the removal of debris from hedge cutting and the old approach signs.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses throughout the village were presented to a very high standard. Some of them had some fine floral displays in the front gardens. Hanging baskets were also used to great effect. There was some new tree planting up by St. Mary's Villas. Take care of the trees removing side branches and shoots.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Kells was lovely, but the road signs need to be cleaned. Can old signs be removed? The Kingscourt road was well presented - grass has not been cut up as far as the sign which is quite far out. Perhaps the margins of the verges could be cut? The Kilbeg road required additional cutting back up to the sign. The Carlanstown road required further tidying. The signs needed to be cleaned. The old Moynalty sign could be removed now as it is broken.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lovely village which is progressing well in the competition. Attention to detail is now required and also to a couple of the approach roads. Also try and make something special of the amenity/ wildlife area down by the river. The use of the Irish language is to be encouraged and this should be kept in mind when erecting new signs/ information boards.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/8/97)

The weekend of the threshing festival was chosen as an appropriate time to visit the village and demonstrated the first class operation as to how the community operates for both the Tidy Town Competition and the festival. The control of traffic was exemplary in allowing the village to remain unaffected by the massive amount of visitor cars. This allowed one the opportunity to view the village and enjoy the colours of the buildings and very pleasing floral displays without the bedlam of traffic. The scale of the maintenance from the centre of the village to the outer limits is quite extensive and very well handled. Signage is simple and appropriate in not being too loud. Maintaining the canopy over the footpath at O'Farrell's is a rare and much needed element, which many villages could benefit from. It is wonderful to see that the mix of grass and ferns under the mature ash trees along the Kingscourt road is being appropriately maintained and not altered. The recently planted thorn hedge opposite the National School is another example of the complementary way in which the Committee is ensuring that a Tidy Town image does not exclude the delights of the countryside.

