

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **THREEMILEHOUSE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	17
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	192	186

Threemilehouse, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire and map. Your comments were most helpful and taken into consideration by the adjudicator. You obviously have considerable support from the community and you should build on this. All Tidy Towns Committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their Tidy Towns activities. You should give this matter serious consideration for 1998. The plan will set out clearly your priorities for each year. This will make your task much easier and is far more likely to achieve results which will improve your rating in the competition. Threemilehouse has the potential to do well in Tidy Towns and with a new focus by way of a 3/5 year plan you can do just that.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings in general were well presented and the new shop under construction will enhance greatly the built environment of Threemilehouse. The Church and Pairce Sean Mac Diarmada had a well cared for appearance and as mentioned in last year's report the spacious car park beside McGeary's was well cared for and looked neat and tidy. The new play school building also look well. The village hall could be presented better and the curtilage area of the national school also needs attention. However, despite these minor problems you have performed well under this heading.

LANDSCAPING

You give a lot of time to maintaining the planted areas throughout the village and you are commended for this. The young trees are maturing nicely and the adjudicator admired the generous planting on the roadside at Lynches. Your choice of trees, shrubs, flowers and where they have been sited adds greatly to improving the presentation of the village. Well done to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your community. A good starting point would be to engage the services of your local wildlife expert in helping you to carry out some research regarding the wildlife potential of Threemilehouse. A nature trail might also be considered and would be a very suitable school project. Threemilehouse has an attractive and very rural setting and an environmental programme highlighting the wildlife and natural amenities of the area should not be too difficult.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good this year and your anti-litter awareness visits to the school are having an effect. Well done. Continue to present your litter bins well and ensure that planted areas are free of litter at all times.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village impressed this adjudicator except for the obvious problems on the Newbliss Road and a derelict shed near the football pitch. Your colourful planting adds greatly to the presentation of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates had a well cared for appearance supported by sensible planting. The adjudicator also noted many nicely presented residential properties on the outskirts of the village - congratulations to all. A good performance under this heading is rewarded with an increase in marks.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Monaghan and Newbliss Roads were neatly presented, with trimmed verges, hedging and suitable planting of flowers, shrubs and young trees. The back areas still need attention and are losing you marks under this heading. Hopefully negotiations with the County Council regarding footpaths will be successful. The adjudicator wishes you well in this regard. The disused vehicles on the Newbliss Road are unsightly and should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Continue to develop your relationships with state agencies including the local authority. Your need for a plan is very obvious and this is something you should discuss with LEADER and the Regional Tourism Authority. You are progressing steadily and have the support of the community which is a real bonus. Keep up the good work and continued success.