

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONEENROE**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	203

Moneenroe, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank for all the information and map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you continue to have the physical and financial support of your local community and FAS and that you are keeping in touch with your Local Authority. Success in the Tidy Towns competition will only be achieved through primarily your local community effort but supported by the State agencies. Thank you for sending on your plan. You are making very good progress in a village which has a very difficult layout.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your efforts with regard to derelict sites have been noted. Keep in touch with your local authority on this aspect of the competition as they do have some powers in these matters. The church, graveyard, school and Railyard GFC building were very presented on the day. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

Your efforts in this respect at Massford and on the main road at Railyard were visited. Excellent work has been done. The site at the main road in particular looked excellent. Maintenance of the Massford site will need constant attention as it is such a big area. Work done at the site of the old village pump at the end of the village is also to be commended. Landscaping projects carried out in previous years seem to be doing well and in particular the nice trees on the main road through the village were noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The points made under this heading in last year's report are still applicable. Your efforts in this respect at Massford have been noted and that this is a very good beginning. This is a comparatively new aspect of the competition which, if developed in future years, will gain you additional marks.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was completely litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition which must be monitored regularly.

TIDINESS

Moneenroe looked very tidy on adjudication day and in particular the area around the church and graveyard which was very well presented. Efforts to kill off weeding were noted. It is appreciated

that in such a large area , this is difficult work and those that are carrying it out are to be applauded.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Moneenroe is almost entirely a residential village and the vast majority of houses were again very well presented this year. Father Raftice Place looked particularly well and the residents there are to be congratulated on the appearance of their open spaces. Individual effort is obviously an important part of the Moneenroe Tidy Towns entry and while there are still a few houses which should be encouraged to find a better presentation the overall appearance of the village is excellent. Again, congratulations to all concerned.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces were good. The old problem of verges however is still with you. Many are now overgrown. Try to persuade Kilkenny County Council to at least, once a year, visit Moneenroe with their trimmers mainly because this cannot be undertaken on a voluntary basis by a local committee because of the enormity of the task. Trimming, even once a year, would improve tremendously the appearance of the village and would undoubtedly add to your markings.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a progress report and should be read in context with previous years reports. Moneenroe, in spite of its area difficulties, continues to maintain a high standard. There is very obvious evidence, both written and physical, of the local commitment to the competition. While maintenance of the present standard is important, do plan to do some additional tasks each year within your physical and financial resources. Success does not come over-night but you will find that, as other centres have, if you continue to work diligently, additional marks will come.