

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOONCOIN**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	204

Mooncoin, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the detailed map which was most useful on adjudicating day. Mooncoin is progressing well in the competition and it is again encouraging to see the level of local commitment, particularly amongst the local youth and the assistance given to you by your local authority, FAS, and the schools. The advice again however is that you consider drawing up a 3/5 year development plan in which you will try to identify specific projects for attention using as a base study the last 2/3 years adjudicators reports. In this connection many of the problems which were highlighted in last year's report are unfortunately still there with you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All public buildings, including the church and the schools were again very well presented and it is indeed gratifying to see the new Credit Union building being built. However the old school is now becoming somewhat of an eyesore. In particular the garden is now totally overgrown and detracts very much from the new situation. The presentation of the Texaco service station was again exceptional. Garages and service stations tend to be untidy places so congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

All the sites indicated on your map were visited on adjudication day. Sincerest congratulations to all concerned. You are doing an excellent job and they all looked exceptionally well. There appears to be some emphasis on the planting of flowers so please do bear in mind the comments made in last year's report regarding the continued planting of judicious plants and shrubs which will give an all year round effect and which are less difficult to maintain. The presentation of the open spaces on the approach from Carrick-on-Suir looked exceptionally well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments regarding Polerone Quay were noted. This area certainly holds out the best possibilities for the development of a wildlife project and we look forward to hearing more of this in the future. Bear in minds the comments made last year regarding the availing of the knowledge of a local wildlife expert, should one be available. The Tidy Towns booklet gives valuable suggestions under this heading and should be studied carefully.

LITTER CONTROL

There was almost no litter to be seen in Mooncoin on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned and particularly to the youth

of the community who are obviously taking their appointed task very seriously.

TIDINESS

Unfortunately the area in the vicinity of Crokes shop is still very untidy and dereliction still prevails. Your comments in this respect have been noted but, unfortunately until such time as a solution is found to the problem this area will continue to be an obstacle to further major progress in the competition. In the event, this is one of the areas which should be identified in your 3/5 year plan in which you should endeavour to enlist the assistance of the local authority and any FAS schemes which might be available.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As usual in Mooncoin, residential areas were exceptionally well presented this year. Individual gardens were very well presented and full of colour. Congratulations to all concerned. The thatched cottages in the village look extremely well and great credit is due to their owners on the manner in which they are presented. Individual efforts are obviously a very strong point in the Mooncoin Tidy Towns effort and long may it continue.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were well presented on adjudication day. There was again evidence of weed killing in some areas but however comments made about last year regarding broken walls are still applicable. Road surfaces and walking areas continue to improve.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall Mooncoin is a caring community who are interested in their environment. As mentioned last year, more attention to detail is required but excellent progress is being made slowly but surely. Use whatever expertise is available to you through your local authority, FAS, Coillte, Regional Tourism Authority, etc. Planning is all important. Many activities will happen automatically but with a view to making rapid progress in the competition there is a need to concentrate on specific problem areas outlined in this and previous reports.