

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOYVORE**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	19	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	146	145

Moyvore, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the detailed map and the information with the application form. A plan is required - even a page of ten main objectives would set a direction for the next few years for the committee. There should be input from everyone in the village and sights should be set on how they see Moyvore in ten years time.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of the built environment varied. The exterior walls and the gutters of the school will require repainting in the near future. The shop on the Mullingar side displayed some fine hanging baskets. The wall beside the Telecom Eireann building requires repainting. The stone wall around the hall is to be commended. Do allow natural vegetation to grow and give a more natural aspect to the walls. The restoration work on the hall really requires advice from knowledgeable sources. Is the stone meant to be exposed? In some cases although the stone may be more attractive, the rendering is not suitable for exposure to Irish weather and crumbles easily. If funding is available in future, the PVC windows should also be replaced with wooden windows and the extension taken off the front.(this would be very much long term) The church and the parochial house on the Ballymore road looked very well - well done. The wall in front of the Maxol station also required repainting.

LANDSCAPING

There is some very pleasant incidental landscaping around Moyvore. The area in front of the old Post Office looks well. Tree maintenance in the form of the removal of dead trees, dead branches and also the removal of grass from the bases of trees is required on the Ballymahon approach road. Landscaping of business and private premises could be encouraged further.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are several habitats evident in Moyvore; meadow, hedgerow and freshwater. The stream at the Ballymahon side is a pleasant area. A project to assess the resources in the area should be carried out in conjunction with the school. Plans could be drawn up on how to enhance and to manage these habitats for the benefit of the wildlife and the community.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was evident on the main road and in front of the hall. Litter bins should be regularly checked and some needed replacing/repairing e.g. opposite the old post office

TIDINESS

The main part of the village was tidy, however looking in at various premises there were several untidy areas. It was weedy along the gutters in front of the school; it was also untidy in the grounds/carpark of the hall though this was because work was incomplete. There was an incredible amount of rubbish/debris in a small area beside the Maxol garage and there was flyposting on some of the telegraph poles. All these areas need to be addressed..

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residences were varied in their presentation. The house beside the old Post Office in the main part of the village looked very well. It was well painted and had some lovely floral displays. Some of the other residences on the street were a bit grubby and needed attention. The bungalow opposite the Old Post Office looked well. A derelict building on this side of the village was practically covered in ivy - it is probably better than exposing it.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads were reasonable in their presentation. On the Mullingar road which was reasonably cut back, the place name sign requires replacing and new speed signs are required. There was a lovely carpet of red clover on the Ballymahon road which looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village needs a plan - it needs direction and a focus for itself. Call a meeting and start by getting input from local people. Go to the school and ask the children what they see the village being like in 10 years from now. Assess your resources - people - those that have knowledge and those that are willing to help. Draw up a set of objectives - with a time frame and work on them. Good luck.