

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONIVEA**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	30
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	199

Monivea, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your most comprehensive application form and the imaginative and colourful back-up documentation, which is most interesting. There is obviously great community spirit in Monivea and a very good working relationship with statutory bodies and the local organisations. You have correctly analysed that tourism is not the panacea for all the problems of small rural communities. The Mausoleum is a unique and exciting project, even now it calls for signposting and an explanatory sign.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

First impressions of Monivea are good and then your eye is caught by the ruined church. You mention that you have plans to restore the church and hopefully this will come to fruition. The Garda Station looks very well. Fordham's has been photographed in relation to the traditional shop-front award. The Hall and take-away still need improvement and when the "wirescape" is attended to it will further enhance the village. The school is not a handsome building, but the grounds are well kept as are those of the church and Parochial House. The church grounds are a good location for the bottle bank.

LANDSCAPING

The greens looked well, but are not yet to the standard for an award. When the tennis court and playground are removed, the whole area can be enhanced. Landscaping was noted in the Glenaslat estate, weeds were in evidence in the parking area. The planting in the old ball alley was very impressive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are few villages that have the same potential as Monivea in this regard. The appendix to your application form was interesting and the handout leaflets should if possible have photographs as well as descriptions. Do not forget the flora and fauna of the woodlands and the potential of this whole area is currently not being fulfilled.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good with only small amounts visible.

TIDINESS

The untidy red hayshed in the centre of the village is still there. There is an old car and an untidy drab shed on the park roadway near the entrance. Both the access and parking

area of the Rugby Club and G.A.A. grounds were weed strewn - how about a competition to see which can keep the exterior area of their premises better. Grass needed to be cut in the "graves area" of the cemetery.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in the village centre and in both of the estates are generally well kept. There are also some fine detached houses with nice gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The surfaces are good, lovely stone walls. Why are there no signs announcing Monivea, or street names. The Nailer's Field needs suitable gates. The footpaths in the centre of the village were being surfaced on the day of the visit.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Monivea continues to improve, keep up the good work.