

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOONE**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	27
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Moone, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry and it is noted that the same committee represents both Timolin and Moone and the extra effort is appreciated. There is still the need for the three to five year plan and this is now a mandatory aspect of the competition. Unfortunately there is a drop in this category until such a plan is presented. It must be noted that given the significant amount of development that will be associated with the bypass, such a development plan would greatly assist the direction of proposed new works that could be tied in with the bypass. As stated for Timolin perhaps both these villages should be combined as one given the proposed new bypass and direction in which both these villages are expanding.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Handball Alley needs greater attention. Though it is a well known landmark it could be treated with some landscape features. The school grounds are very neat as is the Church and it is good to see the area around the gates very well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The display of flowers at the piers add good colour and charm to an important feature within the village. It is understandable that there is very little space to develop a landscape theme along the national primary road given the narrow verges but it must be stated that the split larch tree at the corner of the village is one of the more beautiful of the trees along this route between Dublin and Kilkenny. Another very pleasant area though not within the village confines is the pub that has done extensive tree planting around the road system and this is maturing very well. It is hoped that the future bypass will relieve pressure on finding needed space for making urban improvement that can be so easily achieved through landscape activities. Perhaps the seeking of a tree dali connecting between Moone and Timolin would be one of these future steps.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This category is not commented on in the entry form and does require attention given its rising importance in the competition. It plays a significant role in determining the future potential of rural villages and how they integrate with the surrounding landscape. Given the abundant opportunities available in Moone it is hoped that the committee can establish a dynamic plan.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There are very few sources of litter in Moone and as such litter really is not a problem and it was nowhere to be seen. The adjudicator had the odd sensation of buying something in the shop and wanting to dispose of the litter and could not get to the litter bins near the piers because of the traffic. This must prove that there is a very diligent litter programme as no litter was seen around the bus stop of any area.

## **TIDINESS**

This element is very much affected by the impact of traffic and though elements are maintained in the village, perhaps one must await the future response to the diversion of traffic to see real improvements in the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

This is a very small category in Moone and most houses are inclined to screen themselves significantly from the roadway. In general all gardens are very well kept and provide needed interest along this roadway.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

It is understood that this aspect is being dealt with through the new bypass, however the roadside hedges to the High Cross are well trimmed. One note is that the traffic calming island in the centre of the roadway seems to be disappearing and something must be done to calm the traffic as it enters the village from Carlow.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

It is most important that the three to five year plan is carried out immediately so that it can lobby for improvement that can be integrated with the new works of the bypass. This is one of the few times when Moone and Timolin will have opportunities for expanding and seeing the completion of urban renewal works. At present the general feeling of being in the village is one of great danger because of the speed of the traffic and immediate traffic calming must be lobbied for.