

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214	211

Mooncoin, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map supplied was very useful at adjudication. There is obviously a very good spirit of work among the small committee and over the year great strides have been made in developments. A three to five year plan as mentioned before is really essential to pinpoint all the goals, and how, when and who is going to progress them. The passing traffic is a major factor and traffic calming is welcome.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a very good standard of building presentation through the village. The church schools and the cottages opposite the Texaco garage all contribute to the immediate view of Mooncoin. The walls in several places are a good asset – especially at the church. The credit union building is very attractive. The thatched cottages are interesting.

LANDSCAPING

There is a considerable amount of landscaping in Mooncoin and this will require lots of maintenance. The entrance treatments are very fine. The open greens beyond the church are nicely planted. The large trees by the church of chestnut, copper beech, ash, sycamore and lime all add great character to the village. These trees are mature now and the people that planted these could never have hoped to see them as they are. Are you planting similar trees for the next two generations in the village? The many open greens especially at the large green in front of Comeragh view would be an ideal place for such plantings. The more ornamental trees commonly planted do not compare with these large character building trees. The landscaping of individual gardens plays a huge part in the overall appearance of Mooncoin. The gardens of the cottages opposite the Texaco station are very attractive as are so many others. The neatly trimmed hedges also contribute well. The newly planted shrubs are noted. These will take time to give their best. The many spaces planted and the use of museum type specimens are very interesting and are a good novelty. The cemetery is well tended by the church and very good landscape maintenance is in place here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Polerone quay work offers possibilities in this regard. Involvement of local schools and people with particular interest and local knowledge will be very helpful.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter position was reasonably good. Litter is difficult to

eliminate. This is true not just in Mooncoin but in so many places throughout Ireland. The litter bin by the cemetery at the church was overflowing during the visit and litter was noted blowing about. Passing traffic must be to blame for some of the litter

TIDINESS

There is a tidy appearance as one approaches Mooncoin. The nicely tended greens, open spaces and neatly kept hedges all contribute. There are always places where improvement can be made – this will happen slowly. Derelict buildings and unkempt sites always need to be highlighted. You are making progress. The old Maxol petrol Station and the site around Crokes shop should be high on your list. The work in progress at the church carpark is causing some temporary untidiness as is the new house building in progress.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas are well maintained. Individual homes and gardens play an important part and every encouragement and effort should be made to gain improvements. The homes in St. Anne's Terrace, Commeragh view and Suir crescent are well cared for in general and also along the main street of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfaces on the main road are excellent. In St. Anne's terrace some attention could be paid to the rough road surface and weedy grasses.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a very positive feeling about the presentation of the village with good evidence of hard, sustained work and a sense of pride in the village.